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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

H A. Seymour, broker, New York, failed, with liabilities $683,630; Currier & Banker, brokers, also made an assignment. —— Boers in Cape Colony are active and skirmishing daily. —— Good attendance at the convention of the Southern Educational Association in Richmond, Va.; the president in his annual address discussed facilities for education given by the South to white and colored races. —— The name of the steamer reported ashore near Miami, Fla., is unknown. —— The Chinese Emperor objects to some of the demands of the Powers, made in the joint note. —— A detachment of U. S. cavalry will investigate the reported burning of native Christians by Boxers. —— It is denied that the Democratic National Committee is planning to make W. J. Bryan the Presidential candidate in 1904. —— Promised reforms in the British army have begun. —— Panic among savings bank depositors in Baltimore; runs occurred on nearly all savings institutions. —— Kitchener has succeeded in hold the invading Boers in check but has not been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony. —— Female prisoners in Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted, and attacked the matron and warden. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4 per cent.; cotton dull, middling uplands 10 5 16c; flour was neglected and again barely stead, but quotably lower; wheat—spot steady, No. 2 red 78½c; corn—spot firm, No. 2 45½c; oats—spot steady; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 48 degrees; maximum, 57 degrees; minimum, 35 degrees; mean, 46 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, 0; rainfall since 1st of the month up to date, 3.95 inches.

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—For North Carolina—Rain and warmer Friday. Saturday rain in eastern, fair and colder in western portion; variable winds.

Port Almanac—December 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.52 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport.	12.21 P. M.
High Water Wilmington.	2 51 P. M.

At last accounts Gen. DeWet was still at large.

When Mr. Sell, the circus man, got a divorce from Mrs. Sell he also got a lot of free advertising.

Hanna says he never spent a dollar improperly on politics. Hanna's conception of "improperly" is of the elastic sort.

The Plate Glass Trust rolls out annually about 20,000,000 feet of glass. And it puts its own price on every foot of it.

Foreign countries contributed 460,000 people to our population this year. Since 1880, 9,558,290 foreigners have found homes in this country.

When Senator Clark, of Montana, bought the Verde copper mine in Arizona, he made a hit. He bought it for $60,000 and it is now panning out $12,000,000 a year.

Since the South African war has run the price of horses up, that establishment started sometime ago out West to slaughter them for meat has presumably suspended business.

The Mississippi river fishermen have not formed a trust, but they are putting catfish in cans and selling it for Columbia river salmon. And the average fish eater doesn't know the difference.

Some people think a $60,000,000 river and harbor bill pretty steep. It is. But if the Government is encumbered with money it is better to spend it in that way than squandering it on the Philippines.

Alderman Powers, of Chicago, made a ten strike when he distributed among his constituents 2,500 turkeys and geese for their Christmas dinner, 33,000 pounds altogether. He got right into them, as it were.

The men near Jeffersonville, Indiana, are afraid to go out nights because there is a tall rawbone woman at large who waylays them, grabs them and kisses them square in the month. Her being rawboned makes a good deal of difference.

An English army officer is now in Kansas City buying 50,000 cavalry horses and mules for the army in South Africa. He is paying $360 a head for the horses. This will make about 100,000 horses purchased in this country for the Boer war.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. C. W. Woodward is visiting at Rocky Mount.

— Miss Lillie Belle McLaurin returned home last evening.

— Capt. and Mrs. Wiley Sholar left yesterday for Tarboro.

— Mrs. W. H. French, of Rocky Point, is visiting in the city.

—Mr. S. C. Merton has returned from a trip to Pittsburg, Pa.

— Rev. J. W. Wallace and family returned to Magnolia yesterday.

— Misses Bobbie Croom and Allie Butler, of Burgaw, are visiting in the city.

— Miss Elixabeth Payne left yesterday for Tarboro to visit Miss Beba Bridgers.

— Mr. O. H. Page returned yesterday after spending Christmas at Smithfield.

— Miss Virginia Cocke, of Richmond, arrived last night to visit Miss Annie Kidder.

— Mr. Tom Farrow, of Tarboro, arrived last night to visit Mr. Horace M. Emerson, Jr.

— Mr. E. R. Jones, of Dixon, Onslow county, was a Wilmington visitor yesterday.

— Dr. J. D. Hanby and family of Paris, Tex., are visiting the family of Mr. Jos. H. Hanby.

— Mr. S. E. Bickford, special agent of the Norwich Union Insurance Co., was here yesterday.

— Mr. J. B. Farrar, travelling salesman for Tucker's Marble Yards, is at home to spend the holidays.

— Mr. Rufus Pridgen, who has been visiting his brother, Mr. Bishop Pridgen, at Viola, has returned home.

— Mr. Alfred Moore and sister, Miss Lizzie Moore of Bennettsville, are visiting their sister, Mrs. J. D. Webster.

— Miss Lula Hawkins, of Ridgeway, arrived in the city last evening and is the charming guest of Miss Della Clark.

— Mr. J. G. Ames, of Washington, who has been here on a visit to his daughter, Mrs. A. B. Skelding, left last night for home.

— Mr. James Swann, of the firm of Inman, Swann & Co., who has spent the past two weeks very pleasantly in hunting and fishing with Col. K. M. Murchison at Orton plantation, left yesterday for his home in Atlanta.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

N. F. Parker—Surest way.
J. T. Burke—Special bargains.
A. Mavronichols—Few goods left.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

B. M. J.—Wanted.

LOCAL DOTS.

— A german will be danced tonight in the Masonic Temple ball room by the younger set of society folk.

— The First National Bank of Laurinburg has been authorized to commence business with a capital stock of $25,000.

— The steamer *E. A. Hawes* came down yesterday from Willis' Creek on the Cape Fear river and cleared in the afternoon for Clear Run on Black river.

— Mr. Justin M. Bunting is having an office, 15x20 feet, built on the vacant lot on Front street next north of the Guardian Security, Trust and Deposit Company's building, for his real estate business.

— Chief Schnibben is in the receipt of circulars from Insurance Commissioner Young urging upon the public the necessity of the investigation of all fires of incendiary origin. These are being posted in different sections of the city.

Port Paragraphs.

The American barque *Charles Loring* cleared yesterday for New York with a cargo of lumber consigned by the Cape Fear Lumber Company.

The Italian barque *Restituta Madre* cleared yesterday for Bristol, Eng., with a cargo of 5,374 barrels rosin, consigned by the S. P. Shotter Company.

Messrs. Alexander Sprunt & Son yesterday cleared the British steamship *Kingswood*, Capt. Hanson, for Bremen, Germany, with a cargo of 6,739 bales of cotton valued at $340,000. There is now only one other cotton steamer in port.

Transfers of Realty.

A deed was recorded yesterday at the Court House transferring from Emanuel Taxewell and Elizabeth Taxewell, of Philadelphia, to Maud A. McGowan, property 33x139 feet on Ann street between Seventh and Eighth; consideration, $500.

W. M. Cummings and wife also transferred to E. E. Lundy, property on Second between Queen and Wooster streets; consideration; $350.

Crosses of Honor for Veterans.

All Confederate Veterans who are entitled to crosses of honor and wish to get them may do so by making application to Capt. Jas. I. Metts. The crosses will be furnished by the Daughters of the Confederacy. It is desired that applications be made in time to have all the crosses of honor presented on Lee's birthday.

Fresh supply of that famous Foster cider at F. P. Lamb's, McRae and Campbell streets. Phone your order to No. 426.

ASSESSMENT CASES.

Matter of Tax on Railroad Property Again Before Judge Shepherd Here.

DEATH OF R. O. BURTON, ESQ.

It Was Announced Upon Convening of Court Yesterday Morning and Adjournment Taken—Ten Witnesses Examined.

The taking of testimony for the defendant Corporation Commission in the railway tax assessment cases was begun in the United States court room in this city before ex-Judge James E. Shepherd, the standing master, yesterday morning at 9:30 o'clock.

At about this hour, however, and before any witnesses were placed on the stand, Judge Shepherd in a few feeling and appropriate remarks, announced the death at his home in Raleigh, of R. O. Burton, Esq., one of the foremost of North Carolina lawyers and an associate counsel with George Rountree, Esq., of this city, for the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad Company in the hearings now in progress. The news came in a telegram to Capt. Charles Price, one of the attorneys in attendance upon the examination, and its announcement by Judge Shepherd came as a profound shock, the distinguished gentleman and jurist having been very well known in Wilmington. Mr. Burton suffered a severe attack of typhoid fever several months ago and died rather suddenly yesterday morning from the immediate results of a congestive chill.

Judge Shepherd in announcing the death, was responded to by George Rountree, Esq., Col. John W. Hinsdale, Capt. Charles Price and Judge H. G. Connor, all of whom paid beautiful tributes to the character and ability of the distinguished gentleman, who had been so suddenly removed from their midst. On motion of Mr. Rountree the court adjourned until 12 o'clock in memory of the deceased.

The examination of witnesses for the State upon the reconvening of the court was without developments of an interesting character and the ten witnesses heard during the day—all from Pender county—testified to substantially the same facts. As all were witnesses for the State, naturally the direct examination was quite favorable to that party to the suit, but upon cross examination much of this evidence was shaken and points developed in favor of the plaintiffs in the suit. The State was represented during the day by Col. John W. Hinsdale, of Raleigh; Judge H. G. Connor, of Wilson, and J. T. Bland, Esq., of Burgaw. Chairman Franklin McNeill, of the Corporation Commission, was also present during a part of the day. The railroads were represented by George Rountree, Esq., for the A. C. L., and Capt. Charles Price for the Southern. During the afternoon R. G. Grady, Esq., assisted Messrs. Rountree and Price in the cross-examination. The evidence is being taken in short hand by Miss Stella Shrier.

Two witnesses were heard during the morning session and at 1:45 o'clock a recess for dinner was taken until 3 P. M. At that hour the court convened again and eight other witnesses were examined, an adjournment having been taken at 6:30 o'clock until 9:30 A. M. to-day when the remaining witnesses from Pender—about twenty in number—will be heard. Counsel for the State say that later evidence will be introduced regarding the alleged undervaluation of railroad property. This, however, will be subject to exception by the attorneys for the railroads and its admissibility will be determined later by Judge Simonton.

Mr. W. M. Hand, of Burgaw, a sheriff's deputy for nine years and an assessor for Burgaw township in the year 1899, was the first witness introduced. He thought there was a full valuation as nearly as possible of real estate in his township but had no general knowledge of conditions elsewhere. He cited instances of assessments at actual valuation but said that he would not sell his property at Burgaw for $850, its assessed value. The general rule of sales of land in Pender, he said was on a credit basis and these prices were from 15 to 25 per cent. higher than cash values.

Mr. J. H. Colvin, of Atkinson, N. C. a resident of Caswell township, a magistrate for 20 years and an assessor or tax lister every year since he became of age, testified that the usual rule in his township was to assess real estate at its actual cash value. On cross examination the only material point developed was that he personally owned 700 acres of land assessed at $700, off of which he had sold timber to the amount of $450. He hesitatingly said that he would now sell his land devoid of the timber for $250. He stated that the assessors based their valuations upon an actual cash basis but being pressed further he admitted that he knew of no sales prior to 1899 and stated that they based the valuations upon what they thought the land would bring at voluntary cash sale, productiveness of the soil, location, etc., being taken into consideration.

Mr. D. S. Black, an assessor in 1895 and in 1899 in Rocky Point township, was the first witness at the afternoon session. He stated that the assessors in his community arrived at a tax valuation upon a basis of what they believed real estate would bring at voluntary cash sale. Upon cross examination he stated that he had 200 acres of land assessed at $800 but he would not take that figure for it for other reasons than a question of money. He had been offered $1,500 for the property on time—part cash and part in one, two and three-year payments. He further stated that there were few cash sales of lands in his county and the assessors relied largely upon their own judgment in making valuations.

Mr. M. M. Bullard, a resident of Grady township, postmaster at Montague, a merchant, former magistrate and an assessor in 1895 and 1899, testified as to the real cash valuation of property for taxes. The owners were the principal assessors of personal property but the boards of equalization often increased the figures as handed in by the owners. His own real estate was assessed at its full cash value and he would take that figure for it. The boards of assessors in the several townships in Pender were requested by the County Commissioners to value the property for taxation at as near its full valuation as possible. On cross examination he confessed that in 1898 he had made one cash sale at a figure exceeding the tax valuation.

Mr. R. K. Bryan, an assessor in Scott's Hill township, Mr. R. W. Collins, an assessor in Burgaw township and Mr. W. J. Player, an assessor in Holly township, all testified to substantially the same facts as the witnesses preceding them. Mr. Player stated on cross examination that he would not sell 300 acres of land at $750, its assessed valuation.

Mr. R. T. Williams, a magistrate and an assessor in Holly township for the year 1899, testified that he knew of no rule of undervaluation in his county and detailed the ways of arriving at an actual cash value for taxation. On cross-examination he stated that he owned 1,600 acres of land assessed in 1899 at $3,500 and that he had sold the pine timber off the premises for $2,500, the cypress and non merchantable timber having been reserved from the sale. Great stress was laid upon this feature of his testimony by the railroad attorneys.

Mr. E. A. Burton, an assessor and magistrate of Holly township, testified as to the methods employed in arriving at the actual cash value of lands for taxation and that the assessments were based upon what the property would bring upon voluntary cash sale. Upon cross-examination he told of the assessment of the "Bear Garden" property at $7,500 and the subsequent sale of the timber on the land to the Cape Fear Lumber Company for $10,000. He also stated that he had 30 acres of land in a high state of cultivation assessed at $500, which he thought a fair valuation in view of its remoteness from the railroad. He knew of another tract of swamp lands in his vicinity, embracing about 60 or 75 acres, which sold for $1,000, its assessed value. Another tract he knew of in his community was assessed at $300 and brought $1,000. At a later assessment the assessors valued the property at $500 as they thought the purchaser had paid too much for the property. Another tract of 300 acres in his knowledge, he said, was assessed at $100 but sold at cash sale at $600. He told of still another tract which embraced 350 acres and which was assessed at $300. The timber from this property was sold for $2,000. The sales in his section of the county, he said, were usually made upon a cash basis. The witness, however, still clung to his position that there was no undervaluation of real estate and characterized these instances as "streaks of good luck" incident to the timber boom.

Mr. J. H. Moore, a resident of Burgaw, and a member of the Board of County Commissioners of Pender, was the last witness before adjournment for the day. He knew of no rule of undervaluation of property and thought it was usually assessed at its full value. He knew of no sales of property but was present, he stated upon cross examination, when the "Bear Garden" tract was sold at one time for $14,000. It was bought by the mortgagee at a foreclosure sale and the real value of the property, the witness thought was about $10,000. It was assessed then at $8,000 and belonged to speculators in the North.

At this juncture the cross-examination by Mr. Rountree resolved itself into what was characterized by Col. Hinsdale as a psychological discussion, the witness having been asked as to his opinion of assessors who would be guided by certain illy established motives, judgment, etc., etc.

To many points in the evidence during the day objections and exceptions were entered in the record and these will be submitted and passed upon by Judge Simonton, to whom the papers will be referred by Judge Shepherd.

The remaining witnesses from Pender will be heard to day and then those from other counties will be taken up in their order as given in yesterday's STAR. The witnesses receive cash payment of $1.50 per day for attendance upon the court and ten cents mileage.

Christmas Entertainment To-night.

Delightful Christmas entertainments will be given this evening at the following churches: Emanuel Presbyterian church, Bladen Street M. E. church, Second Advent church and Chapel of the Good Shepherd. The Grace Methodist Sunday school will have its entertainment to night at the City Hall, and St. Paul's Lutheran church will have one at the Lutheran Memorial building.

Wilmington Lodge, I. O. O. F.

Wilmington Lodge, No. 139, I. O. O. F., elected the following officers last night for the ensuing term:

Noble Grand—W. W. Roberts.
Vice Grand—Kelly W. Jewell.
Secretary—J. M. McGowan.
Treasurer—J. T. King.
General Relief Committee—J. J. Hopkins.

L'ARIOSO GERMAN CLUB

Gave Most Beautiful Dance of the Season in the Masonic Temple Ball Room Last Evening.

The most beautiful german of the season was danced last night in the Masonic Temple. It was given by L'Arioso German Club and that hospitable organization is to be congratulated upon the brilliancy of the occasion. The ball room was lavishly decorated by Mr. Will Rehder and the music was splendidly rendered by Holbowush's Orchestra, of Raleigh. Mr. Clayton Giles was the leader and he had executed some lovely german figures.

The ladies were presented with handsome souvenirs of *fleur de lis* scarf pins set with pearls, and jewel boxes of cut-glass with silver covers. The favors to the gentlemen were *boutoniers*, with compliments of Mr. Will Rehder.

The patrons and patronesses were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Calder, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Holt, Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Giles, Capt. and Mrs. E. W. VanO. Lucas, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Emerson, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Carmichael, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Dick.

The following couples participated: Miss Eliza Bellamy, Mr. Walter Williamson; Miss Marie Peschau, Mr. Henry Peschau; Mrs. W. S. Johnson, Mr. W. S. Johnson; Miss Bettie DeRosset, Mr. F. W. Dick; Mrs. C. W. Bidgood, Mr. C. W. Bidgood; Mrs. C. E. Taylor, Mr. C. E. Taylor; Miss Anna Peck, Mr. C. McD. Davis; Miss Lucile Murchison, Mr. T. H. Wright; Miss Annie Kidder, Mr. S. M. Boatwright; Miss Kate Maffitt, Mr. J. VanB. Metts; Miss Mary T. Peck, Mr. J. M. Stevenson; Miss Annie B. DeRosset, Mr. S. R. Vick; Miss Tallulah DeRosset, Mr. F. N. DeRosset; Miss Mary Calder, Mr. Wm. J. Bellamy; Miss Kate Harlow, Mr. R. G. Rankin; Miss Carrie Wright, Mr. George Chadbourn; Miss Kate Harriss, Mr. George Peschau; Miss Octavia Boatwright, Mr. R. H. Gwaltney; Miss Emma West, Mr. James Munds; Miss Ellie Williams, Mr. E. M. Berry; Miss Olive Armstrong, Mr. George Crow; Miss Lucy Latham Mr. John James; Miss Lizzie Peck, Mr. George James; Miss M. J. Bellamy, Mr. Jack Bellamy; Miss Louise Bunting, Mr. J. H. Bunting; Miss Hawkins, Mr. W. C. Crow; Miss Cocke, Mr. Clayton Giles; Miss Lula Wiggins, Mr. Louis Cutlar; Miss Blanch Chadbourn, Mr. S. Curtis; Miss Nessie Cotchett, Mr. Marsden Bellamy, Jr.; Miss Melton, Mr. Alexander Adrian; Mrs. R. S. French, Mr. R. S. French; Mrs. C. E. Grainger, Mr. Will Atkinson.

A CREDITABLE ENTERTAINMENT.

Sunday School of St. Andrews' Presbyterian Church Celebrated the Season.

The Christmas entertainment by the Sunday School of St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church last evening in the lecture room of the church was thoroughly enjoyed by a very large and appreciative audience, and the following committee, which made all the arrangements, deserves much praise for the complete success of the undertaking: Messrs. Geo. Boylan, W. C. VonGlahn and J. C. Stewart; Mrs. E. B. King, Miss Kate Monroe and Miss Ida Black. The entertainment was a pantomime, entitled a "Brownie's Christmas." A number of little boys were dressed as "brownies," and appeared with Santa Claus, Mr. H. M. Collins, on the "brownie's" bridge. It was a very novel and attractive Sunday school entertainment.

After the pantomime, Rev. A. D. McClure, in a few chosen and very expressive remarks, presented Mr. W. H. Sprunt, superintendent of the Sunday school, with a very handsome silk umbrella in behalf of the officers and teachers of the Sunday school.

Rev. A. D. McClure, the pastor, was presented with a handsome silk hat and Mrs. McClure with a beautiful cut glass bowl by the congregation of St. Andrew's Church, for which Rev. Mr. McClure expressed the most profound thanks.

The children were then presented with little baskets filled with fruits, nuts and candies.

FIRE AT GOLDSBORO.

Mr. J. W. Lamb's Livery Stable Totally Destroyed—Two Horses Burned

News was received in the city yesterday evening of the loss by fire of Mr. J. Wash Lamb's livery stable at Goldsboro. The fire started about 2:30 o'clock P. M., yesterday, and in a short while the entire stable was consumed. Two horses, buggies, harness, feed, etc., were burned in the building. The fire spread to several adjoining frame houses which were occupied by negroes. The origin of the fire could not be ascertained last night. Mr. Lamb carried insurance on his property, but the exact loss could not be determined.

Mr. Lamb has many friends in Wilmington who will regret to learn of his misfortune and will sympathize with him thoroughly.

Foot Ball in Newbern.

A foot ball team composed of some of Wilmington's best young players left yesterday afternoon for Newbern, where they will play to-day. Among those who went were the following: Laughlin J. Laughlin, L., Will Peschau (Capt.), Wilbur Dosher, Everett, Vance Montgomery, Percy Hall, Herbert Jordan, and Cleveland Galloway.

Two Arrests for Larceny.

Henry Wright, colored, was arrested yesterday on the charge of the larceny of two pairs of shoes from the shop of Frank McKoy, also colored, on Second street. Ed. Crawford, colored, was arrested on the charge of stealing shoes, pants, bed clothing, etc., from John R. Davis, colored. Both cases will be heard before the Mayor this morning.

BRILLIANT WEDDING WEDNESDAY EVENING.

Miss Bessie Johnson, of Warsaw, Became the Bride of Mr. Jno. H. Land, Jr., of Chadbourn.

[*Special Star Correspondence.*]

WARSAW, N. C., Dec. 27.—The marriage here yesterday evening of Miss Bessie Johnson and Mr. Jno. H. Land, Jr., was the most brilliant social event of the season, and possibly in the history of the town. It's occurring immediately during the holidays added much interest to the occasion and brought expectancy nearly up to the glorious achievement. The Presbyterian church, in which the ceremony took place, was magnificently decorated with holly, mistletoe and ferns, palms and other potted plants. Indeed, the exquisite taste of the decorations was the remark of every one.

Promptly at the hour appointed, 7 30 o'clock, the bridal party entered the church, now packed to its utmost capacity by friends of the contracting couple. First down the broad central aisle to the majestic strains of Lohengrin's "Here Comes the Bride," marched two ushers abreast, Dr. Otto F. Dingelhoef and Mr. P. J. Heath, attired in evening dress and wearing each a boutonier of pink carnations. From the opposite entrance, and at an appropriate distance behind, followed Misses Louise Hussey and Bettie Hill, both exquisitely gowned in white organdie and diamonds and carrying bouquets of holly. These were followed at an equal distance by the last two ushers, Mr. Wm. T. Bryan and Mr. J. E. Johnson, who were also in evening dress and wore boutonnieres of pink carnations. Then entered Misses Carrie Hussey and Ozello Woodward, also gowned in white organdie, diamonds and bouquets of holly. Next came the maid of honor, Miss Daisy Johnson, sister of the bride, who was beautifully dressed in pink silk, with pearl trimmings and old lace, and carried a superb bouquet of La France roses. Following the maid of honor, from the opposite entrance, came the groom and his best man, Mr. J. F. Barkley. Both were in evening dress. Immediately after this the suspense was broken by the appearance of the bride leaning on the arm of her brother, Dr. J. N. Johnson. She was a very pretty bride and was exquisitely gowned in white Duchesse satin with pearl trimming and old lace and carried a bouquet of brides' roses and maid en hair ferns. Arriving at the chancel her hand was placed on the arm of the groom by Dr. Johnson, and then the bride, groom, best man, and maid of honor mounted the chancel and moved forward until they fronted the minister, the Rev. Robert M. Williams, who performed the ceremony in his characteristic happy style.

During the ceremony Miss Lena Hussey, the accomplished organist, played "O Promise Me" with soft and telling cadence.

The ceremony having been concluded the bridal party marched out to the stirring shains of Mendelsohn. The ushers and lady attendants came down the aisle four abreast, which was a pretty innovation.

An hour later the happy couple boarded the night train for Florida, where they will spend their honeymoon among its pleasant Winter resorts. On their return they will reside at Chadbourn, where the groom is the popular railroad agent, for the Atlantic Coast Line. After the bridal couple had departed all assembled at the hospitable home of Mr. H. Bowden, where the "*jeunesse doree*" of the town gave a splendid dance. There were a host of visitors present from many parts of the state.

WADESBORO MERCHANT KILLED.

Shot by a Youth of Richmond County With Whom He Quarrelled.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

WADESBORO, N. C., Dec. 27.—Mr. John M. Murray, a merchant of this place, was shot twice yesterday afternoon by Pearl Cagle, a 17-year-old youth of Richmond county, and died from his wounds at noon to-day. The shooting was done with a 38 calibre pistol, one ball penetrating the abdomen, the other the groin, ranging downward. Murray and Cagle became involved in a quarrel early in the afternoon. Cagle left, bought cartridges, returned and renewed the quarrel without apparent justification. The pistol was discharged twice in quick succession with results as mentioned. Cagle was arrested as also was B. B. Bittle, who is charged with being an accessory.

GEN. MILES IN NEWBERN.

Guest of C. P. Jerome, of Chicago, Who Owns a Place on Trent River.

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

NEWBERN, N. C., Dec. 27.—General Nelson A. Miles arrived here this morning accompanied by Dr. Daly. While here he will be the guest of C. P. Jerome, of Chicago, who owns a place on Trent river. The party left on a hunting trip this morning on the launch *Phenal*. General Miles will remain here for several days' hunting.

Store Robbed Wednesday Night.

The "Instalment House," kept by Mr. A. Silverman, on North Second, near Market street, was entered Wednesday night by thieves, who broke through one of the front windows and stole between $75 and $100 worth of plush capes, cloaks, caps, underwear and other goods of that nature. The theft was not discovered until the opening of the store yesterday morning and Mr. Silverman immediately offered a reward of $25 for the recovery and return of the goods. He also decided equally as soon that Second street was not a good place to keep store and at once moved his stock to his residence until he finds another suitable location.

Hall & Pearsall Incorporated.

The charter for "Hall & Pearsall, Incorporated," arrived yesterday from the Secretary of State. The full list of incorporators is Messrs. B. F. Hall, Oscar Pearsall, A. M. Hall, L. E. Hall and F. L. Pearsall. The two first named, as stated in yesterday's STAR, are the principal stockholders.

JOHN ODAM'S INJURIES.

He Exhibited Hopeful Signs of Recovery at the Hospital Yesterday.

John Odam, the young white man who was reported in yesterday's paper as lying at the point of death at the City Hospital as the result of a fracture of the skull received at the hands of unknown parties Christmas night, was much better yesterday and last night and has regained consciousness, though it is yet uncertain that he will recover. He did not know that he had been struck until he woke up yesterday morning and of course he does not pretend to say who was his assailant.

Henry Barr, another young white man who was held by the police under suspicion of having been implicated in the affair, yesterday proved an alibi to a sufficient degree that he was released on bail until later.

Lodge Installation.

Yesterday having been St. John's Day, the officers of Wilmington, Orient and St. John's lodges of Masons were installed last night in the Temple. Past Grand Master C. H. Robinson was the installing officer. The names of the officers were printed in these columns at the time of their election.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

JOB PRESSMAN WANTED.

A young man who is experienced in running Job Presses may secure temporary employment at the

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Don't Be A Fool.

Go to R. R. Bellamy's and get a bottle of Goose Grease Liniment. It cures croup and coughs like magic, and all pains.

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A Few Goods Left

FROM CHRISTMAS WILL BE SOLD AT COST PRICE. BANANAS, ORANGES, MALAGA GRAPES, OF VERY FINE QUALITY ARE INCLUDED IN THE LIST.

ANDREW MAVRONICHOLS,

dec 28 tf 119 Market street, 705 North Fourth street.

Turpentine Farm For Sale.

Fine, well equipped Turpentine Farm at private sale, on account of death of partners. Thirty crops—labor and round timber plenty. Can be bought at a great bargain. Address or visit,

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The Morning Star.

BY WILLIAM H. BERNARD.

WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28.

OPPOSED TO SUBSIDIES.

The ship subsidy scheme advocated by Hanna is not directly speaking a Republican measure, although its main supporters are Republicans and it is favored by the McKinley administration, which is under the influence of Senator Hanna, who has made this his pet measure. He acts when talking for or working in the interest of this measure as if opposition to it would be an intended affront to him, dictates to Senators how they must vote, and threatens them with an extra session of Congress if they fail to pass his bill at this session. But it is not a Republican measure, because it is opposed by some of the leading Republicans in Congress, and would be opposed by some of their distinguished predecessors if they were living now. The following editorial, which we clip from the Philadelphia *Record*, throws some light on the position of a number of distinguished Republicans whose voice was potent in shaping the policies of the party in the days gone by. Speaking of the Hanna-Frye or Frye-Payne bill it says:

"A great many years ago (in 1872) a question of steamship subsidy had a very interesting connection with the men who then guided the councils of the Republican party. The matter has an intimate relation to the present controversy, and for this reason it deserves to be well considered, especially by those who have been persuaded that the Republican party is committed to the policy of ship bounties. The Pacific Mail Company was then making strong efforts to secure a renewal of its subsidy; and with these efforts there mingled some scandalous revelations of corruption. As a result of the scandal the Subsidy bill was defeated in the House without much consideration of its character and intent.

"But in the Senate the whole question of subsidy then underwent a thorough discussion No less distinguished a Republican than Senator Morrill, of Vermont, the 'Father of the Tariff of 1861,' declared that he was opposed to granting a dollar of subsidy to the Pacific mail Company. He said that the true policy was to give shipbuilders a rebate of duties on materials of construction; and under his counselshipbuilding materials have been admitted free for many years. But now, in the revolution of commerce, the most important materials of shipbuilding are exported, and a rebate of duties is of no further consequence. Senator Sherman, the predecessor of Senator Hanna, also opposed steamship subsidy as a chimera and a delusion. He argued that in free ships was the only practicable way of restoring the American merchant marine. If ships could be built in England thirty per cent. cheaper than they could be built in this country, he asked, why not admit free ships? He predicted that if such a course should be pursued half the steamship lines between the United States and England would be American within sixty days. However this may have been in 1872, there is no doubt that if the Navigation laws should now be repealed the American flag would rise as by magic over a great merchant marine on the high seas.

But Senators Morrill and Sherman were not the only distinguished Republican statesmen who opposed the renewal of the Pacific Mail contract in particular, and the whole steamship subsidy in general. Senator Morton, of Indiana, the most sagacious of party leaders, expressed his opposition to subsidy in strong terms. Senator Harlan, of Iowa, declared that the granting of subsidies or bounties to stimulate investments of capital in any branch of business would not be desirable legislation. Last, but not least, Senator Zachary Chandler, of Michigan, (for a long time chairman of the Republican National Committee) declared that he hoped to see the day when the country's merchant marine would be again in the lead; but he did not believe it could be attained by subsidy even at the expenditure of $10,000,000 a year. This seemed to the Senator from Michigan a preposterous sum for steamship subsidy; and yet the Frye Hanna scheme comes within a million of it.

"So long as such men as Sherman, Morrill Governor Morton and Senator Chandler guided the councils of the Republican party, and infused into it some of their spirit, so monstrous a scheme of iniquity and spoliation as the Frye Hanna bill was out of the question. But the country has fallen upon other days. Mark Hanna, the successor of John Sherman, is by far the most influential man in the Republican party. Governor Morton's latest successor is a Beveridge, and Thomas Platt sits in the seat once occupied by William H Seward. In place of the Republican majority which once sat in the Senate inflexibly opposing renewal of the comparatively small Pacific Mail subsidy there now sits a majority of Republicans ready, as Senator Hanna boasts, to follow him in the scheme to grant little less than $180,000,000 in bounties to wealthy transportation companies. What is most astonishing in this change is that in 1872 steamships could not be built in this country in competition with Europe. But now, when shipbuilding materials are much cheaper in the United States, the Hannas and Fryes propose to add enormous bounties to this advantage, at a vast expense to American taxpayers. Unless the masses of the Republican party have declined as much in political morals as have their leaders in the Senate this subsidy policy cannot be fastened upon the country."

This is some subsidy history which is interesting in view of the efforts to commit the Republican party to Hanna's scheme on the ground that it is in accordance with Republican policies and that the party has all along been in favor of subsidized ships. Over thirty years ago subsidies were tried on several lines, among them the Pacific Mail, none of which have grown and some of which have become defunct, for all of which there were sufficient reasons, reasons that could not be offset by the subsidies granted.

The Senators cited by the *Record* were all leaders, looked upon by their party as such. Morrill was the father of the protective tariff as we have it in these days, but he was away behind the protectionists of to-day; John Sherman was for years the "grand financier" of the Republican party, was regarded as an authority on finance, and was the man who more than any other man committed the Republican party to the gold policy and made it a single gold standard party. Morton in his day was the great intellect of his party and one of the boldest and most assertive leaders it ever had. These were some of the men who were opposed to subsidies, even small subsidies compared with the millions that Hanna proposes to distribute among the gentlemen who get within the favored circle.

Sherman was a long-headed man. He wanted an American merchant marine and believed that the way to get it was by removing the statutory obstacles and letting Americans buy ships where they could get the best ships for the least money. He didn't see why if an English ship builder would build a ship for thirty per cent. less than the American ship builders would, the American who wanted a ship should not be permitted to buy that ship and have it registered as an American ship. In the marines of several of the maritime nations are ships built in several countries, all sailing under the flag of the owner's country, but in this country it takes an American built ship to do that, unless by legislative dispensation as in the case of the two American liners built in England.

While professing a desire to see our American merchant marine built up, and still asserting that ships can be built for less money in European ship yards than they can be built in ours, the subsidy advocates still inconsistently deny Americans the privilege to buy them the cheapest, requiring them to have their ships built in this country, and thus forcing them to invest from twety-five to thirty per cent more in ships than would be necessary if they could buy their ships in other countries.

Is requiring an investment of so much more money than would be necessary if our seamen could buy to please themselves, the way to encourage the establishment of a merchant marine? That isn't the way that good statesmanship or sound business sense would suggest, and that isn't the way that the leaders in the present movement for ship subsidies would suggest if they were as anxious to build up an American merchant marine as they are to gather up the subsidies.

SOMEWHAT PREMATURE.

London was somewhat premature in celebrating the end of the Boer war, when it went wild over welcoming some of the returned soldiers. The war managers naturally concluded that when Pretoria fell into the hands of Lord Roberts the bottom was out, that the burgers would come in, stack arms and be good loyal British subjects. That was the opinion of Lord Roberts, too, but they have discovered that they didn't size the Boer up right, and have come to the conclusion that they still have a several months job on hand. The size of this job may be estimated from the fact that more troops are necessary and that they must be supplied with 50,000 more horses and mules, as they can't follow the fleet-footed or mounted Boers, who with their (to the British) incomprehensible tactics, can worry and sometimes defeat five times their number.

The following London cable dispatch which we clip from the Philadelphia *Record* gives the gist of London sentiment now, a year and a quarter after the war began, which was to be closed up in a few months when Gen. Buller would, as he boasted, "eat his Christmas dinner" in Pretoria, a feat which he never accomplished. The dispatch under date of 24th inst. says:

"A year ago yesterday Lord Roberts left London at the end of what Brodrick calls the first period of a war and also 'three months of miscalculation and disappointment.' To day Roberts is on his way back at the close of another period, both of miscalculation and disappointment. He undoubtedly has achieved much, but it cannot be said, since he displayed such striking merits as the leader of a great body of troops and by reaching Pretoria, that he maintained the same high level of achievement afterward, while his lack of judgment is shown by his glaring error in declaring that the war was practically over when the first volunteers returned.

"On his return he will find the bulk of his countrymen in a not very cheerful frame of mind, though during the past few days the prevailing gloom has certainly, to some extent, lifted. It is generally felt that Kitchener has awakened to the stern reality of the situation, and that not only most troops there stay, but that more must be dispatched and they must be mounted.

"It has taken long to teach this lesson, but thanks mainly to De Wet, the British have learned it at last.

"Despite the sensational rumors those here who are best qualified to give opinions assure me that the authorities do not believe there will be a rebellion in Cape Colony. Beyond this, however, the War Office officials will not go. They appear to have made up their minds that several months must pass before the end will be in sight.

Here since the fall of Pretoria we have been disposed to look on the struggle of the Boers for independence as a "lost cause" but the Boers who are following DeWet, Stein and other fighters evidently are not so regarding it, for they are giving the British invaders about as much trouble now as when the war was just begun. Whether defeated or not the Boers have no cause to feel humiliated, but whether victorious or not how is it with vain, boastful Britain? Her plume has drooped and she can never recover her former prestige.

GETTING A TASTE OF IT.

A short while ago they had a triple negro lynching in Indiana, three negroes being hanged by infuriated white men for the murder of a white man. We commented upon that as an object lesson for the people up in that part of the country who had been in the habit of loudly declaiming against lynching in the South, no matter what the provocation might be. In the race war at Cementville, in the same State, Christmas day, we have another object lesson. Here we have a little town terrorized by drunken negroes, who presumably largely outnumbered the peaceably disposed white people, who by the disposition they showed to avoid a collision with the negroes invited it. These "race wars," as they are called, to which the Southern people in small towns where the negroes are numerous have become somewhat accustomed are rare in the North, but they have occasionally had a taste of them and will get some more tastes as the negro population increases in or in the vicinity of small towns.

The way that negroes of the bellicose class celebrate Christmas and other holidays is to get hilariously drunk, and then they become boisterously offensive, imagine they own the town and go in for taking it. And then if the white people object then trouble begins. In the South it generally ends with some negro funerals, for the white people down here understand these things and the speediest way to put an end to them. If they didn't life for white people in sections thickly populated by negroes would be impossible, unless they were willing to sit on the ragged edge or consent to be walked over by their sable neighbors.

With occasional object lessons, such as the triple hanging and the Clementville "race war," these people will learn to look at the race troubles with a different eye, and have a better conception of the ordeal Southern communities are subjected to.

The Walters family, of Pennsylvania, are not noted for piety, but as pie patrons and consumers they hold the record over every family on this continent. The family, consisting of the father, mother and seven sons, all love pie, and they, with the farm hands, who are liberally helped to pie, have eaten within the past year 8,303 regulation size, home-made pies. The sire of the old is 65 years old, has been eating pie on the same schedule ever since he went to house-keeping, is as tough as an oak post, and never patronizes a doctor or a patent medicine shop. If he feels out of sorts he eats another pie. He isn't a crusty old fellow, either. In length the pies the family has consumed this year would reach thirteen and a half miles or make a monument 300 feet high.

Gen. DeWet is a joker as well as a fighter. His has recently played several practical jokes on the Bulls. The latest was when he captured three noted scouts from one of the crack regiments. He told them he would set them free if they would agree to deliver a dispatch to Gen. Rundle. They agreed and delivered the dispatch which read, "Dear Sir: Please chain up these three devils as I catch them every day. Yours, 'DeWet." Rundle caught on and he l-a-u-g-h-e-d, and they say when the joke got to London all London l-a-u-g-h-e-d. This is well, for London has not seen much to laugh at since the Boer racket began.

Count Esterhazy is on the ragged edge of poverty. He has got through all the money he got from his bartered forgeries and perjuries. He says he has to warm his feet now by sneaking into churches and free museums. But why should such a cold-blooded reptile want to warm his feet?

Story of a Slave.

To be bound hand and foot for years by the chains of disease is the worst form of slavery. George D. Williams, of Manchester, Mich., tells how such a slave was made free. He says: "My wife has been so helpless for five years that she could not turn over in bed alone. After using two bottles of Electric Bitters, she is wonderfully improved and able to do her own work." This supreme remedy for female diseases quickly cures nervousness, sleeplessness, melancholy, headache, backache fainting and dizzy spells. This miracle working medicine is a godsend to weak, sickly, run down people. Every bottle guaranteed. Only 50 cents. Sold by R. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Burlington *News*: Col. F. W. Fonville, one of our oldest citizens, died at his home near Big Falls on last Thursday, after a long siege of illness.

— Henderson *Gold Leaf*: The first snow of the season fell early Saturday morning. For most part during the forenoon the fleecy flakes continued to fall until the ground was pretty white. But for the fact that it had rained previously causing the snow to melt more rapidly it would have been much deeper.

— Charlotte *News*: Wednesday morning about 3 o'clock the residence of Mr. Houston Taylor, Crab Orchard, was destroyed by fire. Sleeping in the house were Mr. and Mrs. Taylor and their child, and Mr. W. B. Donaldson. Mr. Taylor was the first to awake He was aroused by feeling of suffocation. He sprang up to find the house in flames. He and his family and Mr. Donaldson barely escaped with their lives. Everything in the house, including funiture and clothes, were burned.

— Lexington *Dispatch*: Sunday evening Will Towe, a white man, was shot by his uncle, Charles Towe, and perhaps fatally wounded. The shooting occurred in Tyro township on a public road, and a correspondent from Tyro says that Will Towe was driving along the road in a buggy, when Charles stepped from behind a tree near the road and fired his gun, emptying the contents into Will's body. The latter was badly hurt and his recovery was at first considered very doubtful, and he is not yet out of danger. The man who did the shooting has been arrested and placed under a $300 bond. A woman is mixed up in the affair and the particulars are not available.

— Fayetteville *Observer*: John Burns, colored, was brought to town and placed in jail on a commitment by 'Squire J. C. Currie, charging him with the murder of Watson Cameron, a twelve-year old negro boy. Burns was badly wounded, and the county physician is now engaged in picking two loads of shot from his body Just after the killing of young Cameron, by shooting him with a pistol, Burns attempted to make off, but Jno. Cameron, the father of the dead boy, brought him to a halt by the discharge of two loads of bird shot in his body. Burns claims that the shooting was accidental, while several witnesses testify to hearing him say that he was going to killed some one before the day was over.

— Stanly *Enterprise*: There has been quite an epidemic of measles in and around Albemarle the past few weeks. In many cases entire families have been stricken at once. —— Dog soup is not a pleasant contemplation at any time. Nor does it prove a consoling meditation after having been unconsciously used for a number of days—that is, to those who did the using. But such has proved to be the experience of those who used water from the public well north of our court house last week. While drawing water, Mr. C J. Hudson found that he had caught on to something unusually heavy. When brought into full light, it proved to be the dead body of Ed. Klutz's bull terrier, which had been missed for several days.

— Kinston *Free Press*: Amos Dawson, a negro in Falling Creek township, was shot in the neck Tuesday morning by his step son, John Washington. The wound is very serious. It seems that Dawson and his wife were fighting and the man was about to strike the woman with a hatchet, when Washington, her son, interfered and did the shooting. He is now in jail. —— Mr. Cephas Hay, son of Mr. Jno. C. Hay, was shot and dangerously wounded Tuesday night by Mr. Rhem Taylor, son of Mr. J. W. Taylor. It was another case of "didn't know it was loaded. The ball entered near the mouth and ploughed its way to a point just below the left eye. This (Wednesday) morning he was resting as easy as could be expected, but it is thought that he cannot live.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— If the Chinese were Boers, there wouldn't be so much red tape and delay at Pekin. As a matter of fact, there wouldn't, in all likelihood, be any foreign ministers and soldiers in the capital.—*Savannah News, Dem.*

—— The Pan-American Steamship Company, with a capital of $5,000,000 has been chartered in New Jersey, and will at once proceed to acquire a number of vessels. There has been no waiting for the passing of the ship-subsidy bill, and the company will go steadily onward no matter what the facts of the bill may be.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

—— After all, the Cubans propose to be generous. A resolution has been introduced in the Constitutional Convention at Havana to indemnify the United States for the expense to which it was put in securing the independence of the island. There are people in this country who think that the island itself will be pretty good compensation.—*Baltimore Herald, Rep.*

—— Prosperity does not appear to be quite so widely diffused among the mill hands as they were led to expect before the election. So many mills are shutting down just now as to leave something to be explained. Of course we shall be told of temporary trade conditions that necessitate this action. But then we were told, last fall, that it was not trade conditions, but McKinley, that made prosperity, and that if we re-elected him we should all have good wages for a least four years more. The full dinner-pail, it would seem, was for campaign uses only. —*Philadelphia Times, Dem.*

Prevented A Tragedy.

Timely information given Mrs. George Long, of New Straitsville, O., prevented a dreadful tragedy and saved two lives. A frightful cough had long kept her awake every night. She had tried many remedies and doctors but steadily grew worse until urged to try Dr. King's New Discovery. One bottle wholly cured her, and she writes this marvelous medicine also cured Mr. Long of a severe attack of Pneumonia. Such cures are positive proof of the matchless merit of this grand remedy for curing all throat, chest and lung troubles. Only 50c. and $1 00. Every bottle guaranteed. Trial bottles 10c at R. R. BELLAMY's drug store. †

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TWINKLINGS

— "Bridget told Mrs. Nextdoor that I was a henpecked fool. Shall I discharge her?" "At once! Bridget has no right to tell our family secrets to the neighbors."—*Life.*

— She—"Ethel and Harry are engaged, but they have decided to keep their engagement a secret; Ethel told me so." He—"Yes, I know; Harry told me."—*Tit-Bits.*

— "Do you regard my suit with favor?" asked the young man in the ready made garments. "Well," replied the young woman, as she glanced at his apparel, "it isn't a suit that I would select for myself."—*Chicago News*

— "When I get to Paris, papa, I want to know just how much money I can have to buy clothes with." "Well, my dear, how would, say, a thousand do?" "Now, papa, I know you don't want me to go about in rags."—*Life*

— A Reformer Sat On.—The Fair Northerner: I think it's perfectly barbarous the way people are lynched around here. Southerner: I think so myself, ma'am; but after the last lynchin', when I suggested that we chip in an' buy an electric chair, the boys darn near lynched me!—*Puck.*

— Easily Found.—"Do you think it is desirable for a man to study the dead languages?" "No, sir," answered Mr. Cumrox, with emphasis. "If queer words are what a young man aspires to, the golf and baseball reports in any good daily newspaper will supply all his wants."—*Washington Star.*

— One of the Real Victims.—"There's no doubt," said the suburbanite householder, "that we have been needing butterine legislation a long time. It was only the other day my grocer sold me some old and rancid country butter for good butterine. I made him take it back, too, quick!" —*Chicago Tribune.*

— Estimating His Value: They were looking at the man who was occupying two seats while women were forced to stand. "I should judge," said one, "that he would bring about $11.68." "On what do you base your estimate?" asked the other. "On the present price of pork and sausage."—*Chicago Evening Post.*

SLEIGHT OF HAND TRICK.

A Performance In Legerdemain Which Ended Unexpectedly.

In a restaurant where patrons who wish to dine quietly away from the rush and bustle on the lower floor go up stairs two gentlemen were lunching a few days ago.

Both were talking very animatedly and were apparently oblivious to their surroundings, especially to the colored waiter. If they knew that that individual was on earth, much less in their immediate presence, their attention to his whereabouts gave no clew to their knowledge.

One of the diners was a young man of powerful build. He was evidently the host. When the waiter laid the check down on the white tablecloth and stepped back and watched them carefully, as is the custom of waiters who scent a tip, he carelessly reached in his vest pocket and, without appearing to look at the servitor, placed both check and a new bank note side by side without a break in the argument.

In a few moments the waiter re-entered, carrying a silver salver, in the center of which lay a 10 cent piece. Then he stepped back again, his glance alternating between the salver and the man who paid the bill.

The argument came to an abrupt termination. The young man's eyes swept the immovable face of the waiter with a curiously searching glance not unmixed with amazement. Then he whispered a word to his friend whose eyes also scanned the face that impassively returned their glances. There was an eloquent silence. The young man beckoned the waiter to his side.

"You are a slick one," he said quietly, but there was a ring in his tone that did not augur well for one of the party. "Just hand it over, please."

"Hand over what, sir?" asked the waiter, innocently and with a pronounced rising inflection.

"The change."

"There it is, sir," indicating with a sweep of the hand toward the 10 cent piece.

"Part of it. I want the rest."

"'Deed, that's all that is coming to you, sir. You gave me a $1 bill, and your check was 90 cents."

The young man's features broke into a smile that made the lines of his mouth mold in a manner in which determination and amusement struggled for mastery.

"That was a $20 bill I gave you," he said. "Because it was rolled tightly and we appeared to be so absorbed in our conversation you thought I did not notice you reduce it after securing the change to a one. I will give you ten seconds to deliver up the balance or I will choke the life out of you and have you arrested for theft. Come, I will count one, two, three, four"—

"'Deed, boss, you is mistaken. That was a one spot"—

"Five, six, seven, eight, nine, ten!"

"You is certainly mistaken, boss, that"—

The young man was on his feet as he counted out the waiter. He seized the latter by the throat and with a quick movement forced the man to the floor.

"Here it is, boss!" cried the waiter in terrified accents. "For the Lawd-a-mussy sakes, boss, don't pinch so hard!"

He extracted from his coat pocket $19 in bills, which he eagerly pressed in the left hand of the young man who stood above him. The latter released his hold and, counting the bills, passed out of the room with his companion with not so much as a second look at the amateur prestidigitator kneeling on the floor ruefully rubbing his neck.

The young man is a member of the United States secret service, and he knows the appearance of government currency better than most bank tellers, rolled or unrolled.—Washington Star.

The Quaker and the Duke.

In 1790 the Duke of Clarence, afterward William IV, was a sublieutenant in the English navy, and the ship on which he served touched at Queenstown, then known as Cove. While there, his royal highness staid for some days with a family named Penrose, the head of which was an esteemed gentleman and Quaker. He did his best to entertain the duke in a manner befitting his rank and station, and among other assiduities the old Quaker always sat up to receive him on his return home from the convivial parties which the neighboring squires were only too glad to offer him.

The Duke of Clarence, as was the fashion at that time, had a liking for old port and was not squeamish at the quantity consumed. As a result he several times returned to his host's house in a state which bordered on elation. It is recorded that his host used the gentlest reproof toward him in these words:

"Friend William, thou art late again tonight, and I fear me thou art not too sober. If thou dost not amend I shall have to write to thy father, friend George, at Windsor."

A Smooth Swindle.

A swindler worked a jewelry house in Portland, Or., to the amount of $300. He selected a $300 diamond and gave a check on a local bank for the amount. He left, stating that he would return after the firm had ascertained if the check were good. The firm indorsed the check and put it through the bank, with the result that it was returned. The swindler came for the ring at the appointed time and when told his check was not good discovered that he had drawn on the wrong bank. He then produced $300 in gold, took the ring and his check. At the hotel he represented that he was a jewelry salesman and showed the check with the jeweler's indorsement. The hotel thereupon cashed the check.

Subsequently the jewelry firm received notice from the bank that the worthless check bearing their indorsement had been paid.—Jewelers' Circular.

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Dr. Pierce's Pellets cure heart-burn.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—10 bales cotton, 3 casks spirits turpentine.

W. C. & A. Railroad—311 bales cotton, 6 casks spirits turpentine, 12 barrels rosin, 116 barrels tar, 22 barrels crude turpentine.

A. & Y. Railroad—11 bales cotton, 4 casks spirits turpentine, 51 barrels tar.

C. C. Railroad—5 casks spirits turpentine, 72 barrels rosin, 17 barrels tar.

Steamer E. A. Hawes—51 barrels rosin, 258 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Steamer Driver—2 casks spirits turpentine, 188 barrels rosin, 168 barrels tar, 1 barrel crude turpentine.

Total — Cotton, 332 bales; spirits turpentine, 20 casks; rosin, 323 barrels; tar, 610 barrels; crude turpentine, 24 barrels.

MARINE DIRECTORY.

List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 28, 1900.

SCHOONERS.

Cora M, 137 tons, Mitchell, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Senator Sullivan, 654 tons, Hopkins, consigned to master.

Preference, (Br), 243 tons, Terry, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Jno R Fell, 318 tons, Williams, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Robert A Snyder, 358 tons, Outten, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

STEAMSHIPS

Chalfield, (Br) 1,904 tons, Hill, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BARQUES.

Angelo Castellano, (Ital) 489 tons, Muojo, Heide & Co.

Victor, (Nor) 614 tons, Ostrik, Heide & Co.

BRIGS.

Iona, (Br), 196 tons, Barkhouse, George Harriss, Son & Co.

BARGE.

Carrie L Tyler, 538 tons, Jones, Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co.

WHOLESALE PRICES CURRENT

The quotations are always given as accurately as possible, but the STAR will not be responsible for any variations from the actual market price of the articles quoted

☞ The following quotations represent Wholesale Prices generally. In making up small orders higher prices have to be charged

BAGGING—			
2 lb Jute	8	@	8¼
Standard	8	@	8½
Burlaps	6	@	6¼
WESTERN SMOKED—			
Hams ℔ lb	11½	@	14
Sides ℔ lb		@	8¾
Shoulders ℔ lb	8	@	8½
DRY SALTED—			
Sides ℔ lb	7½	@	8
Shoulders ℔ lb	7	@	7¼
BARRELS—Spirits Turpentine—			
Second-hand, each		@	1 40
Second-hand machine		@	1 40
New New York, each		@	1 45
New City, each		@	1 45
BRICKS—			
Wilmington ℔ M	6 75	@	7 00
Northern	9 00	@	14 00
BUTTER—			
North Carolina ℔ lb	20	@	25
Northern	27	@	30
CORN MEAL—			
Per bushel, in sacks	50	@	52½
Virginia Meal	50	@	52½
COTTON TIES—℔ bundle		@	1 45
CANDLES—℔ lb—			
Sperm	18	@	25
Adamantine	8	@	11
CHEESE—℔ lb—			
Northern Factory	13	@	14
Dairy Cream	15	@	16
State	11½	@	12
COFFEE—℔ lb—			
Laguyra	11	@	12½
Rio	9½	@	11
DOMESTICS—			
Sheeting, 4-4, ℔ yard		@	5¼
Yarns, ℔ bunch of 5 lbs		@	70
FISH—			
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ barrel	22 00	@	30 00
Mackerel, No. 1, ℔ half-bbl.	11 00	@	15 00
Mackerel, No. 2, ℔ barrel	16 00	@	18 00
Mackerel, No. 2 ℔ half-bbl.	8 00	@	9 00
Mackerel, No. 3, ℔ barrel	13 00	@	14 00
Mullets, ℔ barrel	3 75	@	4 00
Mullets, ℔ pork barrel	7 50	@	8 00
N. C. Roe Herring, ℔ keg	3 00	@	3 25
Dry Cod, ℔ lb	5	@	10
" Extra	4 25	@	4 50
FLOUR—℔ lb—			
Low grade	3 25	@	3 50
Choice		@	3 75
Straight		@	4 00
First Patent	4 50	@	4 75
GLUE—℔ lb	10	@	11
GRAIN—℔ bushel—			
Corn, from store, bgs—White	52	@	60
Mixed Corn	55	@	56
Car-load, in bgs—White		@	52½
Oats, from store	35	@	37½
Oats, Rust Proof	40	@	42
Cow Peas		@	65
HIDES—℔ lb—			
Green salted		@	6¼
Dry flint	10	@	11
Dry salt	9	@	10
HAY ℔ 100 lbs			
No 1 Timothy	90	@	95
Rice Straw	40	@	50
Eastern	85	@	90
Western	80	@	85
North River		@	90
HOOP IRON, ℔ lb	2½	@	2¾
LARD, ℔ lb—			
Northern	8¾	@	8¾
North Carolina	9	@	10
LIME, ℔ barrel	1 15	@	1 20
LUMBER (city sawed) ℔ M ft—			
Ship Stuff, resawed	18 00	@	20 00
Rough edge Plank	15 00	@	16 00
West India cargoes, according to quality	13 00	@	18 00
Dressed Flooring, seasoned	18 00	@	22 00
Scantling and Board, com'n	14 00	@	15 00
MOLASSES ℔ gallon—			
Barbadoes, in hogshead		@	25
Barbadoes, in barrels		@	28
Porto Rico, in hogsheads	28	@	30
Porto Rico, in barrels	28	@	32
Sugar House, in hogsheads	12	@	14
Sugar House, in barrels	14	@	15
Syrup, in barrels	15	@	25
NAILS, ℔ keg, Cut, 60d basis		@	2 35
PORK, ℔ barrel—			
City Mess		@	14 50
Rump		@	14 25
Prime		@	14 25
ROPE, ℔ lb	11	@	22
SALT, ℔ sack, Alum		@	1 25
Liverpool	90	@	95
American	90	@	95
On 125 ℔ Sacks		@	63
SUGAR, ℔ lb—Standard Gran'd	5½	@	6¾
Standard A		@	5½
White Extra C		@	5¾
Extra C, Golden		@	5½
C Yellow		@	4¾
SOAP, ℔ lb—Northern	3½	@	4
STAVES, ℔ M—W. O. barrel	6 00	@	14 00
R. O. Hogshead		@	10 00
TIMBER, ℔ M feet—Shipping	8 00	@	9 00
Common mill	4 00	@	5 00
Fair mill	5 00	@	6 00
Prime mill	6 50	@	7 50
Extra mill	8 00	@	9 00
SHINGLES, N.C. Cypress sawed			
℔ M 6x24 heart	4 25	@	5 00
" Sap	3 00	@	3 25
5x20 Heart	2 25	@	2 50
" Sap	1 50	@	1 75
WHISKEY, ℔ gallon Northern	1 00	@	2 10

COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel for strained and $1.25 for good strained.

TAR—Market steady at $1.30 per bbl of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE.—Market dull at $1.30 per barrel for hard, $2.30 for dip and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year.—Spirits turpentine firm at 46@47½c; rosin firm at $1.10@1.15; tar steady at $1 25; crude turpentine firm at $1.50 @$2.80.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	20
Rosin	323
Tar	610
Crude turpentine	24

Receipts same day last year.—14 casks spirits turpentine, 373 bbls rosin, 282 bbls tar, 34 bbls crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market quiet on a basis of 9½c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	6 13-16	cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	8 3-16	" "
Low middling	8 13-16	" "
Middling	9½	" "
Good middling	9 9-16	" "

Same day last year middling steady at 7c.

Receipts—332 bales; same day last year, 378.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS — North Carolina — Prime. 70c; extra prime, 75c per bushel of 28 pounds; fancy, 80c. Virginia—Prime, 60c; extra prime, 65c; fancy, 70c.

CORN—Firm; 58 to 60 cents per bushel for white.

ROUGH RICE—Lowland (tidewater) 85 cents; upland 50@60c. Quotations on a basis of 45 pounds to the bushel.

N. C. BACON—steady; hams 12½ to 14c per pound; shoulders, 8 to 9c; sides, 8 to 9c.

EGGS—Dull at 20 cents per dozen.

CHICKENS—Very dull. Grown, 20@22 cents; springs, 10@15 cents.

BEESWAX—Firm at 25 cents.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½ cents per pound.

TURKEYS—Live, dull at 8 to 10c; dressed, 12½ to 15c.

SWEET POTATOES—Dull at 45 to 50c.

FINANCIAL MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Money on call firm at 4@6 per cent., the last loan being at 4 per cent. Prime mercantile paper 4¾@5½ per cent Sterling exchange firm, with actual business in bankers' bills at 4·5 for demand and 481¼@481¼ for 60 days. Posted rates 482½ and 485½@486. Commercial bills 480¼@480¾. Silver certificates 64½@65. Bar silver 64. Mexican dollars 50. Government bonds strong. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds strong. U. S. refunding 2's reg'd, 106½; U. S. refund'g 2's, coupon, 106½; U. S. 2's, reg'd, —; U. S. 3's, reg'd, 111¼; do. coupon, 111¼; U. S. new 4's, reg'd, 139; do. coupon 138½; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 116; do coupon, 117; U. S. 5's, reg'd 114½; do. coupon, 114½; Southern Railway 5's 114½. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 83½; Chesapeake & Ohio 41½; Manhattan L 114½; N. Y. Central 143½; Reading 25; do. 1st pref'd 70½; St. Paul, 140½; do. pref'd, 185; Southern Railway 22½; pref'd 72½; American Tobacco, 112; do. pref'd 135; People's Gas 107½; Sugar 145½; do. pref'd 117; T. C. & Iron 65½; U. S. Leather 14½; do. preferred 76½; Western Union 83½. Standard Oil 815@817.

BALTIMORE, December 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 9½@9½; preferred 26½@27. Bonds—4's 70½.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine easy.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35½c; sales — casks. Rosin firm and unchanged.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 36c; sales 345 casks; receipts 1,555 casks; exports 1,697 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 2,314 barrels; receipts 7,322 barrels; exports 35 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—Enthusiasm was not a characteristic of to-day's trading for either account in the cotton market. Variations in values did not reach a point which gave longs or shorts special advantage. News of vital bearing failed to make its appearance, and in nearly every respect the market was of the 'tween holiday type. On the first call prices worked one to four points higher, with the feeling steady, due entirely to a better set of Liverpool cables than had been figured were suitable, following the decline in our market at the close last night. European buying orders, mostly calling for the purchase of near months, led to a further gain of two to three points and inspired covering by room shorts. There was almost a total lack of support from the bull side, however, and with the announcement that port receipts would reach 48,000 bales to-day, selling for both accounts on a small scale set in and carried prices down six and seven points. Still later there was a rally on room support, brought out by claims that Southern holders of good grades spot cotton were standing out for an advance. Once more there was a relapse of nominal character in the afternoon under estimates for generous receipts at New Orleans and Houston tomorrow, after which the market was sluggish and narrow. At the close the feeling was quiet with prices one to six points higher.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton dull; middling uplands 10 5-16c.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 10.05, January 9.54, February 9.38, March 9.37, April 9 33, May 9.29, June 9 26, July 9.21, August 8.97, September 8.38, October 8.01.

Spot cotton closed dull; middling uplands 10 5-16c; middling gulf 10 9-16c; sales — bales.

Net receipts 421 bales; gross receipts 1,395 bales; exports to the Continent 100 bales; stock 71,214 bales.

Total to-day—Net receipts 45,881 bales; exports to Great Britain 8,447 bales; exports to France 11,235 bales; exports to the Continent 7,782 bales; stock 971,756 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 187,401 bales; exports to Great Britain 87,052 bales; exports to France 33,739 bales; exports to the Continent 50,799 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,415,167 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,617,530 bales; exports to France 365,003 bales; exports to the Continent 1,119,829 bales.

December 27.—Galveston, easy at 9 7-16, net receipts 7,890 bales; Norfolk, nominal at 9½c, net receipts 4,649 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 10c, net receipts — bales; Boston, dull at 10 5-16c, net receipts 1,488 bales; Wilmington, firm at 9½c, net receipts 331 bales; Philadelphia quiet at 10 9-16c, net receipts 315 bales; Savannah, quiet at 9½c, net receipts 9,313 bales; New Orleans, quiet at 9½c, net receipts 21,560 bales; Mobile, quiet and easy at 9¼, net receipts 355 bales; Memphis, steady at 9 9-16, net receipts 3,202 bales; Augusta, quiet at 9 7-16c, net receipts 1,336 bales; Charleston, firm at 9½c, net receipts 140 bales

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour was neglected and again barely steady, but quotably lower. Wheat—Spot steady; No. 2 red 78½c. Options opened weak under bearish French cables. No. 2 January closed 77½c; March closed 79c; May closed 78½c; December closed 77c. Corn—Spot firm; No. 2 45½c at elevator. Options were generally steady to firm all day on poor grading, large seaboard clearances, small country offerings and local covering. Closed firm at ¼@½c net advance. January closed 43½c; May closed 43; December closed 45¼. Oats—Spot steady. Options dull but steady. Pork steady. Lard easy; Western steam $7 25; refined easier; continent $7 30. Butter firm; Western creamery 17@25. Eggs easier; State and Pennsylvania 24@25c at mark, for average lots; Western regular packing 19@22½c. Cheese firm; fancy large, fall made 11½@11½c; small fancy, fall made 11½@11½c. Petroleum quoted steady. Potatoes quiet; Jersey $1 00@1 37½; New York $1 25@1 62½; Long Island $1 50@1 75; Jerseys sweets $1 75@2 75. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton, per steamer, 15c. Cabbage quiet; Long Island, per 100, $3 00 @4 00. Tallow steady; city ($2 per package) 4½c; country 4¾@5½c. Rice firm. Peanuts steady. Cotton seed oil weak and a shade lower under moderate selling and lack of demand. Prices closed: Prime crude, in barrels, 26½; off prime summer yellow 29c; off summer yellow 28@28½c; prime white 33½@34½c; prime winter yellow 36@36½c; prime meal $25 00. Coffee—Spot Rio easy; No. 7 invoice 6½c; mild dull; Cordova 9½@13½. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3⅞c; centrifugal, 96 test; 4⅜c; molasses sugar 3⅝c; refined quiet.

CHICAGO Dec. 27.—Wheat was quiet to-day but steady; May closing a shade lower. May corn closed ⅛c higher. Oats ⅛c up and provisions 2½c lower.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cash quotations: Flour dull and easy. Wheat—No. 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 62@71c; No. 2 red 72@74c. Corn—No. 2, 36½c. Oats—No. 2 23¼@23½c; No. 2 white 25@25½c; No. 3 white 24½@25½c. Pork, per barrel, $11 00@11 12½. Lard, per 100 lbs, $6 80@6 85. Short rib sides, loose, $6 20@6 30. Dry salted shoulders, $5 87½@6 12½. Short clear sides, boxed $6 60@7 70. Whiskey—Distillers' finished goods, per gallon, $1 27.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 69½, 70, 69½, 69@70½c; January 69½@70, 70@70½, 69½, 70@70½c; May 73½@73½, 72½@72½, 72½, 72½c. Corn—December 37, 37, 36½, 36½; January 36½, 36½, 36½, 36½@36½; May 35½@35½, 36½@36½, 35½, 36½c. Oats—December 21½@21½, 21½, 21½@21½, 21½; January 21½, 21½, 21½, 21½c; May 23½@23½, 23½, 23½@23½, 23½. Pork, per bbl—January $12 05, 12 10, 12 02½, 12 10; May $12 10, 12 15, 12 10, 12 15. Lard, per 100 lbs—December $6 92½, 6 92½, 6 87½, 6 87½; January $6 75, 6 77½, 6 72½, 6 75; May $6 87½, 6 90, 6 87½, 6 90. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $6 20, 6 25, 6 20, 6 25; May $6 32½, 6 35, 6 32½, 6 35c.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, December 27, 4 P. M.—Cotton—Spot, moderate business; prices steady; American middling 5½d. The sales of the day were 6,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 5,500 bales American. Receipts 108,600 bales, including 94,100 American.

Futures opened and closed quiet and steady. American middling (l. m. c.) December 5 25 64d buyer; December and January 5 22 64d buyer; January and February 5 19 64d buyer; February and March 5 16 64d buyer; March and April 5 13 64@5 14 64d buyer; April and May 5 10-64@5 11-64d buyer; May and June 5 8 64d value; June and July 5 5-64@5 6 64d buyer; July and August 5 2-64@5 3 64d buyer; August and September 4 51-64@4 52-64d seller

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Stmr E A Hawes, Robinson, Clear Run, James Madden.

Italian barque Restituta Madre, Astarita, Bristol, Heide & Co

Br steamship Kingswood, Hanson, Bremen, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Barque Charles Loring, Blatchford, New York, George Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

COASTWISE.

NEW YORK—Barque Charles Loring—420,000 feet lumber; cargo by Cape Fear Lumber Company; vessel by George Harriss, Son & Co.

FOREIGN.

BREMEN—Br steamship Kingswood—6,739 bales cotton, 3,247,706 pounds, valued at $340,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

BRISTOL—Italian barque Restituta Madre—5,274 bbls rosin, 1,605,370 pounds, valued at $8,166.50; cargo by S P Shotter Company; vessel by Heide & Co.

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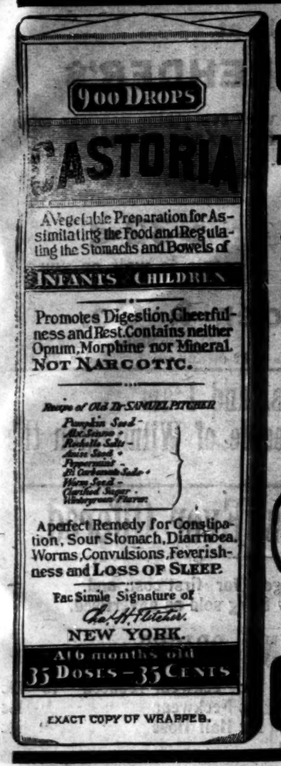

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One of the president's duties which has its painful side is the almost interminable handshaking which accompanies a presidential reception. Besides the physical exertion required, the monotony of the thing must be wearisome almost beyond endurance, unless it is broken, as no doubt it often is, by some amusing incident.

When Mr. Cleveland was at Weldon, N. C., during his first term, a great crowd shook hands with him. In the middle of the line was a long, lank countryman who took the greatest interest in the scene.

At length he reached the president and grasped him warmly by the hand.

"Well," said he, "so you are the president?"

"Yes," replied Mr. Cleveland, "I am the president."

"Well," continued the old fellow, shaking Mr. Cleveland's hand like a pump handle, "I've voted for many a president in my time, but I never seed one before." He paused a moment, and, looking the president up and down and from one side to the other, he exclaimed:

"Well, you are a whopper!"

The president smiled, and the crowd laughed.

At another time Mr. Cleveland was receiving a delegation of teachers at the White House.

"Dr. Lucky of Pittsburg," said the introducer, as a gentleman stepped forward to shake hands.

It had been intended that the other teachers should follow in turn, but somehow a dilapidated looking old tramp had slipped into line just behind Dr. Lucky. As he shuffled up to the president there was a pause. Nobody knew his name, and even the tramp seemed to feel embarrassed.

The president mended the difficulty. He extended his hand and with more than his usual cordiality he said in an encouraging tone:

"How are you, my friend? Your name is Dr. Unlucky, I presume."

The old tramp's face relaxed into a smile.—Youth's Companion.

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He dropped on one knee and took her hand.

"Say you will be mine!" he exclaimed passionately.

Gently she drew her hand away.

"It cannot be," she answered. "It grieves me deeply to give you pain, but I cannot be your wife. I—I will be a sister to you, but"—

"Eureka!" he cried, springing to his feet.

"What do you mean?" she asked in astonishment.

"In literature," he replied, "I am a realist. To describe sensations I must have felt them, and the heroine of my new novel has just acquired a hero in this way. Great Scott, but I was afraid you would accept me!"

And the worst of it was she did not know whether he was lying or not.—Chicago Post.

All About the Same.

"What kind of a car is this?" asked the old lady as she boarded an avenue car.

"'Lectric!" shouted the conductor at her. "Is this the kind you wanted?"

"Well, it'll do as well as any, I s'pose. I've traveled by 'lectric, cable, horse, dynamite, nitroglycerin and cold storage cars, and they've all managed to run over a cow or burst their boilers before they got anywhere. Nuthin ain't safe no more, not even sliddin down the cellar door."—Washington Post.

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THE FEAT OF JUMPING FROM A BALLOON WITH A PARACHUTE.

According to the Aeronaut, It Is Not a Very Dangerous Trick—The Manner In Which the Thrilling Performance Is Managed.

"Is it a dangerous business?" said the aeronaut in answer to a question. "No. The crowds at the fair grounds, at the Fourth of July celebrations, the land sales and the picnics all think that our work going up into the air a couple of thousand feet and then dropping back to the earth is a dreadfully dangerous trick, but the men who do it think nothing of it. Of course a man must have nerve and must have confidence in his parachute, and then if he keeps his wits about him and keeps sober the rest is easy. We get $250 for an ascension, $100 a day when we give a week's performances, and when we have a month's stand the price is much lower, but the pay is always good, and, besides this and the excitement, we have the satisfaction of being great heroes in the towns where we show."

In a corner of the room stood a canvas covered roll about as large in diameter as a flour barrel and a little higher. "There's a balloon," said the aeronaut, "all ready to be sent away for use and in the trunk are the ropes, life belts and all the fixings requisite for inflating except what we get on the spot. When we reach the fair grounds or any place where we expect to give an exhibition, we build a trench about 18 feet long, two feet wide and three feet deep, and in this a fire is made of dry hard wood. The favorite material is old barrel staves. When the fire has been built, the excavation is covered over with sheet iron and two inches of earth. Then a layer of planks soaked with water is put on and on this a final coating of earth. This is all done to keep the metal from getting too hot and sagging with the weight of the people who stand on it to hold the balloon while the hot air is going through a portable cylinder and into the balloon.

"When the balloon is full, it is about 85 feet high and 145 feet in circumference. It is made of ordinary sheeting and will carry a man to the height of one mile if the wind is favorable. It will remain up until the air cools off, usually about two hours. While the hot air is going into the balloon there is a man on the inside who has a wet cloth tied over his mouth and nostrils to protect him against the smoke. It is his business to keep an eye on the operation and quench any stray spark that may get into the balloon. When the word is given, 'Everybody let go!' he must get where the ropes can't catch him when the balloon shoots into the air. If he is caught and does not retain his nerve and drops, he may land in the basket with the two aeronauts, or he may cause the death of all three. The show usually consists of going up about 2,000 feet and then making the jump with the parachute."

The parachutes hang at either side of the balloon and are not great umbrellas, as many people believe them to be, but resemble more closely the upper part of a balloon, with a lot of ropes terminating in a trapeze bar. It is all cloth and rope and has no ribs. When expanded, it is about 19 feet in diameter.

In speaking of the jump the aeronaut said: "When the earth has disappeared and when the sound of the music has died out, one man pulls the parachute on his side of the basket, gets on the bar and swings himself off into space, and there he hangs for a few seconds in or above the clouds. Then he pulls a rope which causes a knife to cut a string by which the parachute is held, and then he drops. He falls about 300 feet before the rush of air opens the parachute, and when that happens the resistance is so great that he rebounds about 40 feet. That's the time to hold on and keep your teeth set and your wits about you. After the rebound the parachute goes down slowly in a zigzag way and lands the aeronaut with about the same velocity as though he had jumped down a distance of six feet. When the first man has jumped, the lightened balloon shoots up a considerable distance, and when it has settled the second man makes his jump. He has the better end of it, for his parachute has more time to fill, but he usually lands farther away from the show grounds than the first man.

"Coming back to earth is a strange sensation. It lasts about five to eight minutes and is always, no matter how often one has made the trip, at least interesting. If one has the good luck to come down near to the place where he went up, one of the first sounds he hears is the tooting of the band, and the tune is usually the same, so that going and coming the last and first sounds are 'Up in a balloon, boys.'

"People think it a risky business and look upon the balloon man as foolhardy, but the woods are full of men who want to go into it. The man who says he would not mind going up, jumping and being killed is the man we can't use. We want cool, active, fearless men, with good judgment and the proper appreciation of life.

"I had a strange experience once with a new man," said the aeronaut. "We made the ascent all right, and when it came time to jump the new man wanted to back out, saying he was afraid to jump. There were two things to do—one to remain up until the balloon cooled off and then come down with it and by that means spoil the show or to make the fellow jump, and it didn't take me long to make up my mind what to do. He had a life line about him which would hold him on the parachute even if he slipped off the bar, so I told him to move over on the outside to balance the balloon. He got out on the bar, never suspecting what would happen, and when I made sure that the life line was all right I cut the line by which the parachute was held, and away he went back to the ground. I watched him as he went down. I shot up, and when I reached the earth myself I found that he had landed all right. He has made the leap many times since then and has learned that there is not so much danger connected with the business as he fancied there was."—New York Tribune.

A Serious Occasion.

Stella—I was awfully nervous when Jack proposed.

Maud—Was it such a surprise?

Stella—No; I was afraid some one would come in and interrupt him.—Exchange.

Looking For More Trouble.

Astronomers are busily searching for another world. And yet this one seems to be more than people can readily handle.—Washington Star.

Out of the Caucus.

Some senators remember, says a Washington correspondent in the New York Mail and Express, how Vice President Henry Wilson of Massachusetts left the senate to take the vice presidential office, and soon after his inauguration the Republicans called a caucus of their side, and out of habit Mr. Wilson was the first to attend the meeting. As the senators began to gather they expressed surprise at the presence of the vice president, but he did not seem to notice this and finally had to be told that only senators could attend caucuses and that as vice president and presiding officer of the senate he was not expected to attend party gatherings. Senators who have prospects of re-election, therefore, do not care to give up their seat on the floor to become a mere presiding officer, with only the right to cast the deciding vote in case of a tie.

Not Idle Curiosity.

"Marse William," said the old family servant, "is you gwine ter run fer office dis year?"

"Don't know. Why do you ask?"

"Well, sub, dey's been one er two gentermens put in application fer my vote, an I des wants ter know ef it's ter stay in the fambly or go projeckin eroun' fer itse'f."—Atlanta Constitution.

In 1850 the first steamer direct from Glasgow to New York, the ill fated City of Glasgow, was launched, and in 1851, though only 1,650 tons, she struck on a rock near Renfrew, and the Clyde trust had years of work before it could blast that rock away.

TRUTH NOT STRANGE ENOUGH.

An Instance Where Something Better Was Found In Fiction.

"If truth is stranger than fiction," said an amateur cynic of this city, "it is well for a fellow to fib a little when he wants to be believed. Not long ago, to give you an illustration, a young friend of mine who works for a certain shipping house here was detained at the office until after midnight and just before leaving attempted to replace a letter file on a high swinging shelf. In so doing he dislodged a ledger, which struck him on the bridge of the nose as it fell and knocked off a good sized section of skin, besides blacking one of his eyes. I occupy the adjoining office and, hearing the racket, went in and helped patch him up.

"Now, I happened to know that this young man had a wife who was inclined to be very suspicious, and as he was going I asked him what he proposed to tell her about the accident. 'Why, I'll tell her exactly what happened,' he said. 'It is perfectly plain and simple.' 'That's just the trouble,' said I. 'It's so plain and simple that she'll never believe it in the world. She'll think you made it up to conceal something terrible and will be very unhappy. It is your duty in such a case to do a little lying.' 'But what shall I tell her then?' he asked, looking puzzled. 'Tell her,' said I, 'that you heard a row in the street and, going to the window, saw the Italian fruit vender on the opposite corner yelling at some boys who had just robbed his stand. While you had your head out he hurled an apple at the urchins, and it flew wild and hit you in the eye.' 'But, good heavens,' he protested, 'that's a most preposterous yarn! Here we are on the third floor, so how on earth could I be hit by an apple thrown at a boy in the street?' 'You don't pretend to know,' I replied. 'All you can say is that it happened.'

"I finally got him to promise he would do exactly as I advised, and next day he came down all smiles. 'It worked to a charm!' he explained. 'I told her the apple story just as you outlined it and remarked casually that I knew it sounded incredible and might easily enough have invented some plausible fiction to account for my eye, but I preferred to tell her the exact truth on all occasions. Well, she simply beamed,' continued my friend. '"John," she said to me, "don't you ever be afraid to tell your little wife the truth, no matter how wild it sounds. You can always depend on her common sense."'

"I really believe I averted trouble in that family," said the amateur cynic thoughtfully.—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

TENS AND TREYS.

The Incident That Gave Them the Name "Dead Man's Hand."

The term "Dead man's hand" in poker means tens and treys, and the hand got its name because they won when the man that held them was dead.

Many years ago a party of planters and cowmen had a sitting on one of the boats plying up and down the Mississippi. Among them was a young fellow whose mother had sent him to New Orleans to bring back a large sum of money with which to pay off a mortgage on the homestead. He may be called Smith.

Bad luck and bad whisky very soon knocked a hole in his wad bigger than a pound of dry wool. Along in the night some one opened a fat, juicy pot for the "Downs," and every one staid. It being Smith's last say, he did the usual elevating, and every one staid again. This effort took about half of what was left of the original sum. We then drew cards. The opener drew three, the next two drew two each, and the last three drew one each. Smith was included in the one card draw. The opener then bet. Smith promptly raised with all the money he had left. As he was a rank bluffer the other players sized him up pretty close, and he was called by the opener, one of the two card men, and two of the one card men. He now stood to win about twice as much as he had originally. If he lost, he might as well shoot himself, for he could never face his mother without the money for the mortgage. After the last bet he laid his cards face down on the table in front of him and bent over on the table with his head resting on his arms.

The opener didn't help his pair, another played made a pair of aces by drawing to a four flush, a third had two pair, sevens and fives, and the fourth had a pair of kings and an ace kicker. As Smith did not answer when asked to show his hand and as he was supposed to have fallen asleep a man named Halpin turned his cards over and showed a pair of tens and a pair of threes, which, being the big hand, entitled Smith to the pot. After vainly trying to rouse him one of the players, a doctor, raised his head and, looking long and carefully, pronounced him dead of heart disease. The money was sent to his mother, and Smith finished his trip as freight.

Since then tens and treys have been called the dead man's hand, and it is a hand that is rarely beaten in draw poker. Aces and eights are called the gambler's hand and is popularly supposed to be invincible.—New York Sun.

Golf and Good Manners.

Golf is the same as good manners, because so large a part of the game is etiquette and rests on the sense of humor. It is as easy to cheat in golf as in solitaire, but whereas some worthy men find satisfaction in cheating in solitaire none but the truly vicious cheat at golf, and they are speedily shown the door of good society. In no other game do good manners enter so much into the game. Baseball is largely made up of the rooting, whose essence is unholy glee over a vanquished foe and which frequently degenerates into a positive attempt to rattle a winning foe. Boxing has a rude chivalry of its own and all of the rougher athletic games a spirit of fair play and give and take quite admirable in their way, but not of the realm of good manners. In golf one may only applaud an opponent's good play, and any exhibition of temper, while sometimes excused, is really not excusable. Man may invent a harder test of self control than golf in its impish moments, but he is not likely to until the world has advanced an eon or two nearer perfection.—New York Commercial Advertiser.

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Trains leave Sumter 7.25 P. M., Manning 8.04 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.40 P. M.; leave Lane's 8.56 A. M., Manning 9.30 A. M.; arrive Sumter 9.49 A. M. Daily.

Georgetown and Western Railroad leave Lane's 8.40 A. M., 97.40 P. M.; arrive Georgetown 10.00 M., 9.00 P. M.; leave Georgetown 6.35 A. M., 4.10 P. M.; arrive Lane's 8.00 A. M., 5.35 P. M. Daily except Sunday.

Trains leave Florence daily except Sunday at 9.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M., Hartsville 11.10 A. M., Cheraw 11.35 A. M., Bennettsville 12.55 P. M.; leave Florence daily except Sunday at 7.00 P. M.; arrive Darlington 8.25 P. M., Pegueltsville 9.32 P. M., Clifton 10.30 P. M. Leave Florence Sunday only 8.50 A. M., arrive Darlington 10.15 A. M.

Leave Gibson daily except Sunday at 6.00 A. M., Bennettsville 7.00 A. M.; arrive Darlington 8.00 A. M. Leave Darlington 8.05 A. M., arrive Florence 10.15 A. M. Leave Wadesboro daily except Sunday 4.10 P. M., Cheraw 5.10 P. M., Hartsville 7.00 A. M., Darlington 8.00 P. M.; arrive Florence 7.00 P. M. Leave Darlington Sunday only at 6.00 A. M., arrive Florence 8.15 A. M.

Wilson and Fayetteville Branch leave Wilson 1.50 P. M., 10.40 P. M., arrive Selma 3.45 P. M., 11.15 P. M. Smithfield 4.34 P. M., Dunn 5.40 P. M., Fayetteville 6.35 P. M., 12.20 A. M. Returning leave Fayetteville 4.50 P. M., 1.00 A. M., Dunn 5.40 P. M., Smithfield 6.47 P. M., Selma 7.50 P. M., 11.35 P. M., arrive Wilson 8.36 P. M., 12.13 A. M.

Trains leave Sumter 4.05 A. M., Creston 4.54 A. M., arrive Denmark 5.55

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WILMINGTON, N. C.

FRIDAY MORNING, DECEMBER 28.

SOUTHERN EDUCATORS' ANNUAL CONVENTION.

President's Address—Facilities for Education by the South for the White and Colored Races.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

RICHMOND, December 27.—The tenth annual convention of the Southern Educational Association met here this morning, the attendance being very good. The body was called to order by J. L. Hill, chairman of the local committee of arrangements, and an invocation was made by Rev. Cary E Morgan, of this city.

Addresses of welcome were delivered by Governor J. Hoge Tyler, Mayor Richard M. Taylor and City School Superintendent Fox, and responses were made by Superintendent Wootten, of Paris, Texas; R. G. Glenn, State Commissioner of Education, Atlanta, Ga., and Superintendent of Public Instruction J. G. Calhoun, of Louisiana.

Prof. R. B. Fulton, chancellor of the University of Mississippi, in his annual address as president of the association, discussed the facilities for education given by the South to the white and colored races, and said in each State they had divided with the colored race the funds raised by the taxes paid almost entirely by white men and had given them equal educational facilities at the public expense. Prof. Fulton asked whether it had been proven that the studies which train to acuteness the Anglo-Saxon mind were the best to sharpen the Mongolian or the African intellect. Had not blind sentiment been aiming to give Anglo-Saxon minds to the negro race, instead of offering that development and training which would best meet the possibilities of that race? Millions of dollars had been spent annually for thirty five years in the Southern States for the education of the negro race. Had there been an adequate return in advancement shown? It was, he added, the duty of the intelligent educators of the South to study and discuss these problems in all fullness and with impartial interest, and to determine in form and kind and method, the education and training that should be afforded to the negro race.

Continuing, President Fulton said in part:

"There are two important particulars in which coming changes will certainly modify the policies and the work of our schools of higher rank. In the first place, those institutions which aspire to be called colleges or universities must see that vastly more is lost than is gained when their rolls are swelled by the names of immature and aimless students in preparatory classes, and when the funds and energies of the institution are spent in work that properly belongs to elementary or secondary schools. In the second place institutions intended to give specially scientific or technical training will learn that their best work is not done when they attempt to be all things to all men—to work upon material that should be in the grammar schools as well as that which is more advanced—to give classical or literary culture as well as technical—to prepare for ultimate entrance into the profession of teaching as well as for the management of industrial enterprises.

"Technical education in the South, in the institutions already established and in those which may be established, will not achieve for individuals, nor for the community, the highest and fullest results until such education shall be made to conform more fully with the law which the experience of all the past shows to be the governing principle in educational advancement.

"The greatest educational need of the South to day is at least one institution pre eminently fitted by its material equipment, its means of support and its environment to command and hold without challenge the position of leader in technical training among the institutions about it. No one of the State institutes can claim this position for our section. To afford the material appliances for such an institution as we need, $1,000,000 is a minimum sum. To maintain its work as it should be, an endowment of not less than $3,000,000 would be required. One institution with ample equipment, properly located and organized, could easily be made to exert a guiding and helpful influence upon all manual and technical training in all schools in the South.

The morning session was concluded by an admirable paper read by Miss Celestia S. Parrish, professor of physiology and philosophy at the Randolph Macon Woman's College, of Lynchburg, on the subject, "Education for Southern Women."

President Charles D McIver, of the State Normal and Industrial College, of North Carolina, and Miss Nina Horner of Converse College, South Carolina, ably discussed the paper.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice December 27th, 1900.

WOMEN'S LIST.

Ida Bowden, Katie Cowanmgin, Athalia Cormic, Annie Corvans, Millie Edding, N C Fory, Jane Jackson, Mattie Lewis, Francis Lewis, Alice Mc Kernon, Ellen Holmes, Cora Parker, Minnie Alvin, Florey Simpson, Mary Waldorf, Elen Smith, J F Barrett & Co, Amanda Stevens.

MEN'S LIST.

Ben F Andrews, H K Balloun C A Black, Frank Bird, Jno Brown, J D Bateman, Jas Brown, Jas Butler, Chas Corrads, Ed Dreyton, Stuart Desnagton Bill Dresscoll, Jim Gorrin, Joe Hinton, Duncan Harrison, Isaac Lenlord, M Landis, M. Loveny, Jim Lee, Edgar Lewis, Lama L vi, J S Millu, J H McDungall, Jno Malveny Geo Miller J W Newkink, James Pake, J S Raymond, Robt Richardson, James Singleton, H E Truelove, Harry Tate, S M Selswin, M K Williams

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

James Wrl. ht, S S Davis, Jim Raint, Elisha Worth.

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BOERS MAINTAIN THEIR POSITIONS.

Kitchener Not Successful in His Efforts to Expel Them from Cape Colony.

HOLDS INVADERS IN CHECK.

But Small Commandoes Display Astonishing Activity and Daring Over an Immensely Wide Field--British Report Small Successes.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, December 28, 3 A. M.—The latest dispatches from South Africa show that Lord Kitchener has succeeded in holding the invading Boers in check. But he has not yet been successful in expelling them from Cape Colony, while small commandoes continue to display astonishing daring and activity over an immensely wide field.

It is questionable whether his proclamation will have much effect until General DeWet has been captured. The Boers are likely to regard it as a sign of weakness and to have a wholesome dread of DeWet's vengeance if they surrender. The proclamation is approved by the party at home, that favors conciliatory terms to the Boers as a step in the right direction.

Queen Victoria, it is said, has approved the proposal to institute a new order of knighthood to reward officers who have served in South Africa. The order will probably be called the "Star of Africa."

A dispatch from Vryburg, dated December 24th, says the Boers, in considerable numbers, were then making an unexpected movement westward. They had 150 wagons. The dispatch suggests that they were trekking to Damaraland, although the Boers themselves denied such an intention.

Boers Celebrate Christmas.

NEW CASTLE, NATAL, Dec. 27.—The Boers celebrated Christmas in this district between Standerton and Ingogo by more or less determined attacks upon every British garrison along the lines of communication. These, however, were in all cases successfully repulsed.

At Utrecht the Boer commandant sent in a demand for whiskey, cigars and Christmas luxuries, failing which he threatened to attack the town. His demand was ignored, and the Boers attacked Utrecht in strong force on Christmas morning. They were repulsed with loss, the British casualties being but slight.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The *Evening Standard* to-day says it understands that the squadron of yeomanry which, as announced in a dispatch from Cape Town yesterday, was entrapped and captured by the Boers whom they were following from Britstown, was released after the men had been relieved of their horses and other equipment. Ten of the yeomanry were wounded.

Attacked Burghersdorp.

CAPE TOWN, December 27.—A small party of Boers attacked Burghersdorp on December 24th. They were repulsed after heavy fighting. The Boers are active and skirmishes in several places are reported.

LONDON, December 27.—The following dispatch has been received from Lord Kitchener:

"*Pretoria, December 26.*—Knox, with Pilcher and White, is engaged with DeWet's force, holding a position in the neighborhood of Leuwkop. DeWet hopes to break through and go south again.

"The Boers' eastern column in Cape Colony is apparently headed by our troops about Reitport Spruit. The Boers' western column is reported to have gone north in two portions, one towards Prieska and the other through Stridenberg. They are being followed up."

An Unconfirmed Rumor.

BLOOMFONTEIN, ORANGE RIVER COLONY, Dec 26.—There are renewed but unconfirmed rumors here that General DeWet, President Steyn and General Haasbroeck, have had a conference and decided to offer to surrender, provided the colonial rebels are not punished and the leaders, including themselves, are not deported.

BURGHERSDORP, CAPE COLONY, Dec. 26.—Colonel Grenfell continues in touch with Kruitzinger's command of seven hundred men who are carrying off the British prisoners. Kruitzinger has abandoned his Maxims and carts. An attempt of the Ninth Lancers to turn Kruitzinger's flank at Plaisteuvel, December 24th, resulted in eight casualties among the Lancers, including Lord Frederick Blackwood, who was wounded.

BALTIMORE SAVINGS BANKS.

Excitement Among Depositors—Runs on Nearly All Savings Institutions in the City Begun.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—A scare among timid depositors of the several savings banks of the city resulted today from the failure on Wednesday at the Old Town Bank. Runs occurred on nearly all the savings institutions, but the most noticeable were upon the Savings Bank of Baltimore, the City Savings Bank, and the Hopkins Place Savings Bank. Crowds of persons were assembled upon the sidewalks in the vicinity of these banks long before "bank hours" this morning, and in each case the doors were opened before the usual hour, in order to accommodate those who wished to withdraw their deposits. In every case, claims were promptly satisfied. President Conkling, of the Savings Bank of Baltimore, said to-night that 617 payments had been made during the day; 330 accounts closed, and the bank paid out $141,521. Deposits amounted to about $20,000.

One hundred and thirty accounts, amounting to $44,855 40, were closed at the City Savings Bank.

At the Hopkins, which remained open for business until nearly nightfall, $50,000 in round numbers were paid to depositors.

In no case were the doors closed until all had been accommodated. It is possible that the excitement among the smaller depositors will be continued to morrow, but bank officials assert that they are prepared for a continued draft upon their treasuries.

Judge Stockbridge to day appointed J. B. Ramsay co receiver, to represent the court, of the Old Town Bank. A third receiver will be named on Monday. Neither the American nor Old Town Bank receivers have completed a statement of the condition of the property they represent.

Do you want 2,000 or 3,000 old newspapers at your own price? If so, call at the STAR office. They make a cheap wrapping paper. †

THE CUDAHY KIDNAPPERS.

Pat Crowe and the "Other Man" Said to Be on a Steamer Bound for Liverpool--Reported at Other Places.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BOSTON, Dec. 27.—The Boston police have evidence to indicate, they think that "Pat Crowe" and the other man who is wanted on a charge of kidnapping young Cudahy, are on the War ren Liner Michigan, bound for Liverpool, and a cable containing that information has been sent to Scotland Yard detectives who will be on the Liverpool docks when the steamer arrives. Just before the Michigan sailed from Hoosac Tunnel docks last Saturday, two men who acted so suspiciously as to attract attention, and who answered to descriptions of Crowe and the other supposed kidnapper, boarded the steamer with a large amount of baggage. The steamer sailed in a very short time, but not before word of the presence of the strangers had been sent to police headquarters.

OMAHA, NEB., December 27.—A special dispatch to the *World Herald* to-night from St. Joseph says that patrolman Carson saw Pat Crowe enter a South St. Joseph saloon this afternoon. He says he is sure of the man as he knows him well. In Omaha no credence is placed in the story that Crowe was in Boston or any point in the East.

Seen in Chicago.

CHICAGO, Dec 27.—Disguised as a woman, Pat Crowe, who is being sought by the police all over the United States on the charge of kidnapping Eddie Cudahy at Omaha, has been seen in Chicago within the last few days and may be still hiding there, according to statements made to-night by Detective Sergeant James Storen, a Chicago police officer who has arrested Crowe a number of times in the past. He claims to have traced Crowe to a room where he was masquerading as a young widow in mourning, but that Crowe received warning from his friends that the police were on his trail and escaped before a capture could be effected.

MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING.

A Prominent Mason of Indianapolis Found Dying in His Office With a Bullet in His Head.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

INDIANAPOLIS, IND., December 27.—William E. Smythe, secretary of the Masonic Grand Lodge of the State, was shot in the head in his office in the Masonic building shortly after noon to day. It is believed he cannot live. Mr. Smythe says a woman did the shooting, but the police have so far been unable to locate her.

Lewis A. Coleman, an attorney, found Mr. Smythe, shortly after he was shot, lying in a pool of blood on the floor. Mr. Coleman said he detected the smell of gunpowder the moment he stepped into the room. Mr. Coleman at once ran from the room and telephoned the police department. When the police arrived the wounded man was in a semi-conscious condition, but was able to say that he was seated at his desk, when a blonde woman entered his office and asked to use the telephone. He said she had been in several times before; that on the last call he refused her request and she then drew a revolver from the bosom of her dress and fired. This is all he would say, except that his son will give all the information desired.

Dr. Elmer Smythe, when told that his father had said he would give information as to the woman who did the shooting, replied that he did not know her.

When a search for the woman failed to reveal any trace of her the theory was advanced that Mr. Smythe had attempted to take his own life. His sons said that while their father had been very despondent at times during the past year, they were unwilling to believe he had attempted his own life.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE.

Denial of Reported Planning to Make Bryan a Candidate in 1904.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Charles A. Walsh, of Iowa, secretary of the Democratic National Committee, arrived here to-day to assist in arranging for the meeting of the National Executive Committee in January. Regarding a report circulated to the effect that the present organization of the Democratic party is planning to make William J. Bryan the presidential candidate in 1904, he said:

"There is no foundation for such a story. As the last address sent out by the committee says, 'it is not designed to advance the interests of any man or faction,' that is what the organization declared, and that is all I care to say about the matter."

UNCONFIRMED REPORT

That Forty-nine Children Were Drowned While Skating Near Foster, Ia.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

DES MOINES, IOWA, December 27.—A telephone message from Washington, Iowa, says that fifty one school children were skating on the river near Foster, Iowa, when the ice gave way and forty-nine were drowned.

No confirmation of the story or details can be obtained from any other available point to-night.

BURLINGTON, IOWA, Dec. 27.—A telephone message to the *Hawkeye* from Washington, Iowa, says forty nine school children while skating on the river at Foster, Iowa, near What cheer, on the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway, were drowned. Telephone and telegraph messages to all available points fail to confirm the story.

SCRANTON STREET CAR STRIKE.

Wm. Patterson, the New Superintendent of the Company, Assaulted.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., December 27.—The first blow struck in the street car men's strike was received to night by Wm. Patterson, the new superintendent of the Scranton Railway Company. Some one pulled him from the car he was running, and he was dealt a blow on the head with a fist or club. Two strikers rushed the superintendent into a saloon, protecting him from the crowd. The other strikers helped the police officers to disperse the crowd and also helped the company officials to take the stalled car to the barn.

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CHINESE COURT MAKES OBJECTION

To Some of the Demands Contained in the Joint Note of the Powers.

MOVEMENTS OF THE BOXERS.

British Soldiers Murdered--Flying Column of Cavalry Ordered to Scour the Country--U. S. Troops to Investigate Burning of Christians.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—Li Hung Chang and Prince Ching, the Chinese peace commissioners, have heard from the Emperor, Kwang Su. Prince Ching called on the former for consultation, remaining for over an hour. The court objects strenuously to reducing the forts, and also to allowing permanent legation guards, which it seems to think could be made sufficiently large at any time it was desired to menace the court itself. After the conference it was decided to hold further communication with the court before seeing the ministers.

The British have increased their garrison at Yang Tsun by 100 men, with horses and three guns

A flying column of 1,600 cavalry will scour the country between Tien Tsin and Yang Tsun, in obedience to Marshal Von Waldersee's orders to be on the alert, in view of the French report of an engagement with 2,500 Chinese troops.

Towns to Be Destroyed.

Colonel Tullock's regiment will return to destroy the towns he recently held. This action is owing to the fact that it has been discovered that a number of Boxers unquestionably made them their headquarters. The British authorities say they do not expect serious trouble from the Boxers, mainly because they lack arms. Fortunately the Chinese government feared to trust them with arms, lest a rebellion against the dynasty be undertaken. Otherwise the danger might have been serious.

British soldiers have been found dead outside the Temple of Heaven with bullets in their heads. The murders are believed to have been committed by Chinese

American Expedition.

A detachment of the Sixth United States cavalry, Ninth infantry, and Fifth artillery will leave to-morrow to investigate the reported burning of native Christians by Boxers, as reported by Rev. Mr. Kelly, the Presbyterian missionary.

The expedition will be commanded by Lieutenant Colonel Theo. Wint, of the Sixth cavalry.

RIOT IN A PRISON.

Twenty Maddened Females Attack the Matron and Warden in Raymond Street Jail, Brooklyn, N. Y.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Twenty maddened female prisoners in the Raymond street jail, Brooklyn, rioted to day and fiercely assaulted Matron Faunie Handy and Warden McGrath. There was no attempt to escape. The riot was the consequence of the ill feeling. Miss Handy was transferring the prisoners from one corridor to another in the woman's section, which she was attacked by Nellie Jones, a powerfully built woman who had been sentenced to fifteen days for intoxication. Miss Handy was felled. Nineteen other prisoners then assaulted her. While the blows rained thick upon her head and body she managed to reach a push button that rang a bell in the warden's office. Warden McGrath rushed to the woman's department without waiting to call for assistance. As he entered the corridor he diverted the attention of the women, and they jumped on him. The blows were fast and furious and McGrath went to the floor. Hat-pins were brought into play, and his face, head and neck were gouged. Miss Handy made her way through the crowd and again rang the alarm. The sheriff, under sheriff and five deputies responded. They had much trouble in subduing the women, but succeeded, and two of them were placed in straight jackets.

BRITISH WAR OFFICE

Demands the Resignation of Maj Gen. Sir Henry Coleville.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—The War Office has begun the promised reform of the army in a sensational manner. It has demanded the resignation of Major General Sir Henry Coleville, commanding an infantry brigade at Gibraltar and recently commanding the 9th division of the South Africa field force. General Coleville refuses to resign and is now on his way to England. The news is all the more startling as the question of General Coleville's responsibility for the Yeomanry disaster at Lindlay last May was fully investigated by the authorities when General Coleville returned from South Africa last summer. After the inquiry, General Coleville was reinstated in his command at Gibraltar in September last. The attitude of the War Office indicates that a new regime in Pall Mall will reverse the decisions of Lord Lansdowne and Lord Wolseley in regard to some of the recent commanders in South Africa.

STOCK BROKERS FAIL.

Two New York Firms Have Gone Into Bankruptcy.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, December 27.—H. A. Seymour of this city, filed a petition in bankruptcy to-day, individually and as a member of the former brokerage firm of Seymour, Johnson & Company; with liabilities of $688,630; assets 750,695.

Currier & Bunker, who did business as stock brokers at 21 Park Row, made an assignment to-day for the benefit of creditors to William H. Bonynge. Currier was a member of the Consolidated Exchange.

F. B. Bard, attorney for the assignors, said that the assignment was primarily due to a disagreement between the partners. Mr. Bard would give no idea of the assets or liabilities but a representative of the firm said the liabilities would be within $15,000.

It Saved His Leg.

P. A. Danforth, of LaGrange, Ga., suffered intensely for six months with a frightful running sore on his leg, but writes that Bucklen's Arnica Salve wholly cured it in ten days. For Ulcers, Wounds, Burns, Boils, Pain or Piles it's the best salve in the world. Cure guaranteed. Only 25c Sold by B. R. BELLAMY, druggist. †

LIQUOR DISPENSARY ROBBED.

Eighteen Hundred Dollars in Cash Taken. A Number of Country Stores Visited by Burglars This Winter.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLUMBIA, S. C., December 27.—The Williamsburg county liquor dispensary at Kingstree is reported to have been robbed of $1,800 in cash Wednesday night. F. M. Placer, the dispenser, discovered the loss this morning. This is the largest loss by robbery incurred by a country dispensary since the inauguration of the dispensary.

Mr. H. H. Crum, liquor commissioner, dispatched an inspector to Kingstree. The indemnity bonds of the dispenser expired December 1st and the State may suffer a total loss. The rather large amount of cash on hand represents the Christmas sales. A special to the *State* from Kingstree says that the people there demand the resignation of the board of control, the dispenser, and all others connected with the dispensary at Kingstree.

A number of country stores and rail road depots were visited by burglars this winter and the safe-cracking looks like the work of experts. Dicks and Salley, of Salley's station, have increased to $1,000 their offer of a reward for the capture of the burglars who robbed their store of $7,500 in gold last Friday night.

WRECKS ON FLORIDA COAST.

Name of the Steamer Ashore Near Miami Is Still Unknown.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

MIAMI, FLA., December 27.—The name of the steamer reported ashore last night south of Miami is still unknown. The wrecking steamer Dewey, which left here yesterday for the scene, remained outside all last night and is still standing by. The Dewey cannot approach nearer on account of the heavy seas. The vessel is ashore near Cæsar's Creek, twenty-five miles south of Miami. The steamer reported by the Dewey which passed here Christmas night and believed to be the wrecked boat, is said to be a large steamer, with a yellow smokestack, two spars and leaden colored. She probably is a passenger boat

The wrecking tug Albert F. Dewey has gone with fifty stevedores to the steamer Mount Oswald, which is ashore south of here. The Oswald is badly bilged, but it is hoped that after jettisoning the cargo she may be floated.

WARM WIRELETS.

Senator Allison said yesterday that the House bill amending the War Revenue law would be taken up by that committee immediately after the reconvening of Congress.

Mr. R. O. Burton, one of the most prominent attorneys in the State died yesterday morning early in Rex Hospital, Raleigh. His death was caused by a severe congestive chill.

The exchanges at the New York clearing house yesterday aggregated $364 013,390; which is a record breaker. The previous high record was on November 30th last, when the exchanges were about $14,000,000 less.

By the will of former Governor Wolcott, which was filed yesterday, Hampton Normal Agricultural Institute will receive $1,000, and Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute $1.000.

The first international council of Master Masons, colored, met in Jacksonville, Fla., with colored Masonic dignitaries present from all parts of the world. The sessions will continue until next Monday.

The New York and Porto Rico Steamship Company's steamer Arkadia sailed from Ponce yesterday for New Orleans, having on board four hundred Porto Ricans, 65 per cent. of whom were women and children, destined for Hawaii.

Articles of incorporation have been filed for the Florida Peninsular Transporation Company, with $1,000,000 capital. The company will build and operate an electric railroad from St. Petersburg on the western coast to Tampa and maintain several water lines of transporation.

The First National Bank of White Pigeon, Mich., was closed last night by order of the comptroller of the currency, upon receipt of a telegram from National Bank Examiner J. W. Selden, that the board of directors of the bank had passed a resolution requesting the comptroller to take charge.

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For Christmas.

Apples, Oranges, Nuts, C. C. Nuts, Candies in Baskets Buckets and Boxes.
Raisins, and a full line of
Heavy Groceries.
We also have a few selected Mullets and Mullet Roe left.

Williams Bros.
Dec. 18, 1900. dec 19 tf

You Won't Be Ashamed

Of the Shirts you buy here. They'll fit you—they'll be right where they ought to be right and loose where they ought to be loose. They'll be right in the height of style, and they'll wear a long time Shirts, Neckwear, Hosiery, Underwear, and Gloves for Winter demand your immediate attention.

VonGlahn & Gibson,
dec 16 tf No 3 North Front street.

At The-:-
-:-Unlucky Corner.

BIG PRUNES, 25 TO THE POUND.
RED CRANBERRIES.
TURKEYS, DEAD AND ALIVE.
JELLY, MINCE MEAT, RAISINS.
CURRANTS, CITRON.
SMOKED BEEF TONGUES.

We can't bake your cake, but can furnish the best of everything to go in it.

-:-Send me your orders.

-:-S. W. SANDERS-:-
dec 8 tf

Liverpool Salt.

1,120 Bags Liverpool Salt.
463 Bags American Salt.
110 Bags 100 lb Table Salt.
48 Bags 200 lb Table Salt.
18 Bags Ice Cream Salt.
316 Bags Shot.
498 Kegs Nails.
340 Bags Wheat Bran.
420 Bales No. 1 Hay.
760 Bushels Best Corn.
210 Bushels Va. Meal.
98 Bags Kiln Dried Grits.

W. B. COOPER,
dec 23 tf 308, 310 and 312 Nutt street, Wilmington, N. C.

Ready for Monday's Delivery.

Five X Baldwin Apples; nice, fresh stock.
Also, Canned and Evaporated Apples, Peaches and Pears, Mixed Nuts and Cocoanuts, Candies, Cakes, Cheese, &c., &c.

Fox River Butter.

HALL & PEARSALL,
nov 18 tf Nutt and Mulberry sts.

Santa Claus is at REHDER'S with everything you can wish for a Xmas Present.

Prices moderate.

>32<
people to wait on you.

J. H. Rehder & Co.

Bell 'Phone 118. Inter-State 'Phone 218.
Car fare paid on purchases of $2 00 and up dec 23 tf

The Cost Sale Continues, and I am Giving the people of Wilmington the

Greatest Values Ever Offered.

Remember everything goes for first cost, and the goods are certainly being sold as advertised.

NOTE THE FOLLOWING PRICES:

Hawes' $3.00 Hats	for $2.00	50c Neckwear reduced	to 40c
$2 00 Royal Hats	" 1 10	25c Neckwear "	" 18c
Monarch $1 00 Shirts	" .81	25c Half Hose "	" 18c
" 1.50 "	" 1.10		

Men's Suits and Overcoats at cost.
Boys' Knee Suits at cost.

Everything At Cost!

Nothing sent out on approbation or charged during this sale.

A. SHRIER, Men's Wear,

Bell 'Phone 565. 34 corner Front & Princess.
dec 21tf

Xmas Presents.

We have them. All the latest fads in Neckwear. You should see our inch and a half Four-in-Hand. It is strictly swell. Gloves dressed and undressed. Umbrellas for Ladies as well as gentlemen. Also, an elegant line of Canes, Silk and Linen Handkerchiefs, Fancy Half Hose in Silk and Lisle, and lots of other useful articles too numerous to mention. Underwear—wool, camel hair and fleece lined AT COST THIS WEEK. One of our elegant Vicunas, Thibet or Cassimere Suits would be a nice Xmas gift.

M. H. CURRAN,
107 Princess Street.
dec 10 tf

To see the grandest Selection of TOYS

And Holiday Goods.
We would ask you to come to

WILMINGTON'S BIG RACKET STORE.

Our Toy stock is the largest we have ever had, consisting of everything in the Toy line. Old Santa Claus makes his headquarters with us. All the little children writing to Old Santa Claus should mail their letters to the Racket Store. You should look in our windows and see our Christmas Trees, where you will see most any kind of Toys you are looking for. We sell them both wholesale and retail. We have a big stock of Fancy China and Glassware and Crystal Glass that we sell from 5c up. You may want to buy presents for others besides the children. We have a lot of soft soled Christmas Shoes for little children at 25c, in all colors. Ladies' House Slippers at 75c and $1.00 a pair.

A big line of nice Umbrellas with elegant handles for Holiday Gifts from 50c to $3.00 each. Three lots of New Cloaks received last week. We sell a real nice Melton Cloth Cape, in tan, in up-to-date styles, at $4.00. Our $6.50, $7.50 and $9 00 are equal to anybody's Cloaks and are 25 per cent. less in price. We have a job lot of Cloaks, all black, lined throughout, made well and new style, for $1.75. We have 500 Capes on hand that we want to sell. We have them as low as 25c, fur trimmed, and a nice Cloth Cape with double Cape and Collar, good weight, fur trimmed, at 98c. A Melton Cloth Cape in red, blue, black or tan, at $1.75 and $2.00 each. We have Velvet Capes at $1.00 and $1.50 each. Silk Plush Capes with applique and fur trimming, beautiful goods, at $2.98. Ladies' extra long Silk Plush Capes for $5.00.

Children's Union Suits at 25c; Ladies' Union Suits at 50c. Ladies' Non shrinkable Vests and Pants at 50c each Ladies' fine all wool Underwear, in red or white, at $1.00 each. Boys' Fleece lined Underwear, heavy weight, at 25c each. Men's heavy weight Shirts and Pants for 40c; regular 50c goods. Men's heavy Working Shirts, fleece-lined, at 50c each A special job in Boys' Reefer Jackets, nice enough for a king's son and low enough for anybody to buy, at $1.50 to $3 50 each. 50 Men's Mackintoshes with long Capes, waterproof, at $1.39 each. We have 20 dozen Ladies' very fine Embroidered Handkerchiefs, worth 25c, slightly damaged, we are selling for 10c. 50 dozen Ladies' All Linen Handkerchiefs for 5c each. We have all grades in Handkerchiefs from 5c to 50c. One lot of Silk Mufflers in assrted colors, worth 50c, now 20c. 25 dozen Silk Handkerchief—Ladies' Initial Handkerchiefs at 10c each, up to Men's Large Mufflers at $1 00 each. 100 pairs white Rose Wool Blankets. The Elkins Mill Blanket, weighing five pounds, at $3.40 a pair. 11-4 six pound blanket, at $4 90 A good part wool Blanket in gray at $1.35. A fine Southern Wool Blanket at 75c. A Heavy Camp Blanket at 85c.

We have 5,000 Christmas cards to sell from 1c to 5c each. 100 Dime Novels to sell at 5c each. A lot of Genuine Sterling Silver Ladies' Brooches to sell at 35c. Five dozen Sterling Silver Trimmed Ebony Handle Toilet Articles at 25c each. Large Comb and Brush Tray at 25c each. A big line of Combs and Brushes, Hair Pins and Side Combs; all for Christmas Presents.

The Big Racket Store has laid in a big supply—have a large stock for you to select from, and we want your Christmas trade.

We will sell you goods cheap and punch your card free.

The Big Racket Store

208-210 North Front Street, Near the Postoffice.

GEO. O. GAYLORD,
PROPRIETOR.
dec 23 tf

WHY DON'T YOU COME AND GET ONE?

OF OUR HOME SAVINGS BANKS, which we lend you free of charge. It will help you to save money you would not save otherwise. Try one of these banks and the amount you can save will surprise you.

REMEMBER, our next regular interest bearing period begins with the New Year. Deposits made now will draw FOUR PER CENT. from January 2nd, 1901.

THE GUARDIAN SECURITY, TRUST AND DEPOSIT COMPANY
(Opposite the Postoffice.)
H. C. McQUEEN, President. JNO. S. ARMSTRONG, Vice President.
dec 27 tf F. W. DICK, Cashier.